Emory University, Georgia
April 15, 1955

Dr. George S. Mitchell
Executive Director
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Sir:

An examination has been made of the books and records of the Southern Regional Council, Inc. for the period January 1, 1955 to March 31, 1955.

The following Exhibits and Schedules together with comments, comprise this report:

Exhibit A -	Balance Sheet, March 31, 1955
Exhibit B -	Statement of Receipts and Disbursements, Central Office
Exhibit C -	Statement of Receipts and Disbursements, State Organizations
Schedule 1 -	Bank Reconciliation - First National Bank, March 31, 1955
Schedule 2 -	Bank Reconciliation - Citizens Trust Company, March 31, 1955

COMMENTS

Cash In Bank - Central Office - $5,352.64
Cash In Bank - State Organizations - $4,259.06

All recorded receipts were traced to bank deposits and disbursements were compared with cancelled checks. Bank balances at March 31 were confirmed by correspondence with depositories. Schedules 1 and 2 contain details of the reconciliation of the two accounts.

Savings Accounts - $155,000.00

Savings certificates amounting to $60,000.00 were verified. Savings accounts amounting to $95,000.00 were confirmed by depository banks. Of the above amounts, $35,000.00 belongs to the Central Office and $120,000.00 to State Organizations.

Inventory - Pamphlets - $250.00

This amount represents pamphlets on hand at March 31, 1955 at cost.

Accrued Payroll Taxes - $1,658.84

This consists of Income Taxes withheld and Social Security taxes for March, 1955 for both the Central Office and State Organizations.

Accounts Payable - $1,444.15

These represent current operating expenses for March, which were paid in April.

Due to Special Projects - $1,020.86

The amounts shown in detail belong to the three groups specified on Exhibit A.

Advance Appropriation - $106,700.00

The advance from the Fund for the Republic covers operations for the next six months.

Surplus - $54,034.76

The substantial increase since December 31, 1954 is caused by an excess of the allocated amount for this quarter from the Fund for the Republic grant over the amount disbursed to State Organizations.

Exhibit C indicates that eight state organizations are set up with staff and three are in the process of organization.

In our opinion, the attached statements fairly reflect the financial condition at March 31, 1955, and results of operations for the three months ended March 31, 1955 of the Southern Regional Council, Inc.

Respectfully,

L E Campbell

L. E. Campbell, C.P.A.

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SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC.
Atlanta, Georgia
Balance Sheet
March 31, 1955

ASSETS

Cash In Bank - (Sch. 1)	$ 5,352.64	
Cash In Bank - State Organizations (Sch.2)	4,259.06	
Savings Accounts	155,000.00	
Inventory - Pamphlets	250.00	
		$ 164,861.70

LIABILITIES

Accrued Payroll Taxes		$ 1,658.84	
Accounts Payable		1,444.15	
Due to Special Projects:			
Commission on Equal Penalties	$341.07		
Fellowship of the Concerned	579.79		
State Divisions	100.00	1,020.86	
Georgia Sales Tax		3.09	
Advance Appropriation:			
Fund for the Republic		106,700.00	
Total Liabilities			$ 110,826.94
Surplus, March 31, 1955			$ 54,034.76

Exhibit A

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC.
Atlanta, Georgia

Statement of Receipts and Disbursements - Central Office
January 1, 1955 to March 31, 1955

RECEIPTS

Balance, January 1, 1955		$ 46,435.78
Contributions:		
Individuals	$ 995.00	
Organizations	1,600.00	
Churches	1,345.00	
Foundations	7,850.00	
Members Dues	26.00	
New South Subscriptions	972.50	
Interest Income	536.33	
Sale of Literature	1,486.64	
For State Divisions	28.00	
Honoraria	410.00	
Total Receipts		15,249.47
		$ 61,685.25

DISBURSEMENTS

Salaries Paid	$ 13,373.98	
Rent	315.00	
Travel	1,657.56	
Printing	2,333.97	
Telephone & Telegraph	309.68	
Postage	639.26	
OAB Taxes	240.61	
Georgia Sales Tax	4.54	
Bank charges	1.35	
Accounting Fees	90.00	
Books & Magazines	287.06	
Paid to State Divisions	13.00	
Executive Committee Meeting	224.99	
Office Equipment	401.51	
Office Supplies	281.37	
Miscellaneous	21.28	
1954 Accounts Payable	502.47	
Consultants' Fees	525.00	
Special Services	109.98	
Total Disbursements		21,332.61
Balance, March 31, 1955		$ 40,352.64

Represented by:

First National Bank - checking	$ 5,352.64
C & S Bank of Atlanta - savings	35,000.00
	$ 40,352.64

Exhibit B

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC.
Atlanta, Georgia

Statement of Receipts and Disbursements - State Organizations

January 1, 1955 to March 31, 1955

Receipts - Amounts Raised by Various State Organizations for their Local Use**

	Contributions	Members Dues	Sale of literature	Misc.	Total
Alabama	$ 134.80	$ 666.00	$ 90.60	$27.10	$918.50
Georgia	660.00	433.00			1093.00
Kentucky		100.00	18.40		118.40
Louisiana	450.00	417.00			867.00
Mississippi	54.00	189.00			243.00
North Carolina	100.00	156.00			256.00
South Carolina	420.49	435.50			855.99
Texas	No report				
Totals	$1819.29	$2396.50	$109.00	$27.10	$4351.89

**Taken from monthly reports of State Organizations

Disbursements - Amounts Disbursed to State Organizations from Fund for the Republic Grant

	Salaries	Local Expenses	Travel	Total
Alabama	$1,899.98	$ 500.00		$ 2,399.98
Florida			$407.58	407.58
Georgia	975.00			975.00
Kentucky	2,420.00	1,500.00		3,920.00
Louisiana	1,849.98	400.00		2,249.98
Mississippi	1,249.98	300.00		1,549.98
North Carolina	1,854.17	400.00		2,254.17
South Carolina	1,749.98	488.67		2,238.65
Tennessee		88.25	213.71	301.96
Texas	975.00	500.00		1,475.00
Virginia			513.78	513.78
	$12,974.09	$4,176.92	$1,135.07	$18,286.08
OAB Taxes				168.71
				$ 18,454.79

Exhibit C

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC.
Atlanta, Georgia

Bank Reconciliation Statement - First National Bank, Atlanta, Ga.

March 31, 1955

Balance, per bank statement		$7,290.64
Deduct outstanding checks		
Number	Amount	
6578	$ 10.00	
6589	3.00	
6590	10.00	
6637	4.00	
6666	2.50	
6672	2.97	
6683	4.31	
6686	354.54	
6687	247.73	
6688	155.25	
6689	116.32	
6690	226.65	
6691	237.73	
6692	177.26	
6693	104.80	
6696	104.72	
6697	20.58	
6698	28.80	
6699	25.84	
6701	96.00	
6702	5.00	1,938.00
Balance, per books, March 31, 1955		$ 5,352.64

Schedule 1

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC.
Atlanta, Georgia

Bank Reconciliation Statement - Citizens Trust Co., Atlanta, Ga.
March 31, 1955

Balance, per bank statement, March 31, 1955		$ 6,761.69
Deduct checks outstanding:		
Number	Amount	
1746	$ 3.50	
1754	15.00	
1759	177.26	
1777	25.49	
1785	26.44	
1786	177.26	
1787	84.80	
1788	177.26	
1789	93.19	
1790	104.80	
1791	120.00	
1792	177.26	
1793	84.80	
1794	172.26	
1796	89.80	
1797	177.26	
1798	204.16	
1799	102.09	
1800	50.00	
1801	440.00	
		$2,502.63
Balance, per books, March 31, 1955		$ 4,259.06

Schedule 2

Tuskegee Institute, Ala.
November 9, 1955

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL

The annual meeting of the Southern Regional Council met at Dorothy Hall in the Peabody Room on the campus of Tuskegee Institute on the above date. The meeting opened at 9:15 A.M. with Mr. Marion A. Wright, President, presiding.

Invocation was given by Rabbi Charles Mantinband, Mississippi.

Dr. L. H. Foster, President of Tuskegee Institute, Extended a warm feeling of welcome. He stated, "In as much as each one of you seem at home, we want you to know that we here at Tuskegee have shared in a little way to help make your setting a pleasant one".

President Wright followed by the reading of his annual report. A copy of this report is attached. Upon motion, it was stated that the president's report be reprinted and distributed to the membership, and that it should not carry merely the president's name, but be endorsed by the Council.

Mr. G. S. Mitchell, Executive Director, Atlanta, Georgia, called to attention the presence of two persons from India and it was unanimously agreed that they be allowed to observe this meeting.

The president called for the report of the Executive Committee

The Chairman of this committee, Mr. R. E. Clement, was absent. Due to this, it was stated that the report had already been previously circulated to the Council Members and upon motion of Dr. Dent, the action of the Executive Committee approved it.

Upon motion of Miss Josephine "ilkins, Georga, the words, "in principle" be inserted thus striking out the word "approved" in paragraph 23. A copy of the report is attached.

The president then took up the discussion of the program of the SRC. Mr. Fred Routh opened the discussion by outlining the action in 12 states, Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, N. Carolina, S. Carolina, Tennessee, Texas and Virginia. He stated that we do not have the power of telling the states what to do, but what they ought to do.

Mr. C. H. Parrish discussed program in the various states and conference planning.

Miss Irene Osborne who has been with the American Service Conference has helped greatly with the program of the states. She has visited three states already and hopes to visit the rest. The three states are Arkansas, Texas, and Kentucky.

Mr. Fleming discussed the changing South and stated there had

been a good deal

of publicity, that a distribution of program materials had been sne to 12 organizations. That commerce is another important function. He also related the matter of attacks on the SRC by Mr. Fulton Lewis which appeared in the Journal America. Twenty-three persons names were mentioned. Comment on this was heard from Mr. George Mitchell and Mr. Hughes.

The president called for comments on any of the reports which had been made. No comment of the report of Mr. Routh.

Attorney Birnie, Atlant, Georgia, asked if the SRC should go in as an interracial group or as an asiding group. Mr. Shaw stated, he is not certain if this the policy of the NAACP.

Mr. G. S. Mitchell, Executive Director, Atlanta, Ga., stated that it was an emotional issue of the SRC. It seems that our business of White and Negro is to meet and propose what is to be done.

Mr. Parrish, Louisville, Kentucky, said, "it is the state policy of committes to set up advisory councils.

Mr. Dent, stated, that it would do better to cement ourselves with people rather than with the NAACP.

Mr. Parrish stated that we have three different things to do; call in all staff members ,and bring in material of the conference and set up for work, and meet with the board. The board will make the arrangements for the state.

Mr. A. L. Johnson, Mississippi, asked if this would be our only objective in the future. In reply Mr. Mitchell says it is deeply concerned with everything.

Mr. O. D. Duncan, Oklahoma, asked what kind of work in setting up do you have with the school boards. In reply, Mr. Routh, said to form small representative groups to talk with school boards. Most states are supported by the NAACP. Suggest that they take in consideration all problems involved.

In regard to Miss Osbornes' report, Mr. Shaw inquired as to what contacts had been made. She stated that she had talked with various council members.

The hysteria which is now present in Mississippi was discussed, and the action to be taken. Mr. Fleming advised that it may dangerous to publicize to the extreme and it is also dangerous to remain silent.

Messrs. Brooke, Virginia; M. H. Wright, North Carolina, and Mrs. C. M. Birnie, Georgia, expressed their viewpoint, in that radio, television and newspapers can be a source of information, credited to the Council.

Mr. Roberts, Tennessee, believes that Negroes need to estabish a line of communication between a liberal white group and themselves.

Mr. Fleming expressed a feeling that we must rely on state groups to cultivate and acquaint a feeling of confidence with newspaper reporters.

President Wright stated it was twelve noon, and that we would take a recess for lunch returning at 1:39 P. M.

AFTERNOON SESSION

The meeting was called to order by the President, at this time, he asked for a continuation of the discussion of the program.

First point of action to be considered was the attack that Fulton Lewis had made against the Council and the attack which the Journal American published against its members. In dealing with this situation, it was suggested that it be submitted to the

Board of Republic.

Upon motion of Mr. Dent, he stated that we authorize the president to meet in consultation with the Chairman of the Executive Committee and the Executive Director and inquire of the Funds ~~of~~ for the Republic, whether they would be willing to ask their council to give an opinion as to what recourse can be taken against Fulton Lewis and the Journal American and such general media. Motion was carried.

Next in order was the Agriculture Union. Mr. Griffin made a motion that the same three gentlemen be requested to explore other courses of action and bring them to the attention of the committee. Motion carried.

A story, from the Jounal American, giving the names of 21 persons whom they branded as Reds, was read. They listed 4 persons as Communists Frontiers. Upon motion of Mr. Dent, he stated it is the sense of the Co ncil that its energies and resources be not diverted to other causes such as a conference in connection with the Agriculture Union. Motion carried.

The president mentioned that the United States has funds which are used in disastrous areas. The question was raised as to the

definition of the word "disastrous". If it involves civil rights, seems that these funds could be used, if not, such a program could be introduced. Mrs. Birnie stated that she felt as if we could follow through on another line. That the Federal Courts are set up to aid and she would like to see them put to a test.

The White Citizens' Council was the next point of discussion. Rabbi Charles Mantinband, Mississippi, related a few facts as to their operation in his state. The WCC claim they are dedicated to the maintenance of peace.

Mrs. Robinson asked what could be done, in good faith, by the SRC that would bring the organization into the minds of the people who do not know that the orga ization exist. Make this organization felt in order to strengthen future organizations.

At this point, the president with-held the discussion of the program to take up the finance report. Mrs. Ruth Alexander, Secretary-Treasurer, assisted by Mr. G. S. Alexander, She stated that each member of the Board was asked to contribute $100. Only 24 members paid this amount. Will ask for greater support. Mr. Alexander read the proposed budget for the fiscal year -

October 1, 1955 --September 30, 1956. Miss Josephine Wilkins, Atlanta, Georgia, moved that the budget be approved. Motion carried.

Action on Proposed By-Law Changes were read. Mrs. Josephine Wilkins suggested that the word "and" before treasurer be struck out and inserted after treasurer and add the word "counsel" before shall. It would read - The president, the vice-presidents, the treasurer, and counsel shall also be ex-officio members. Motion passed.

The president called for the report of the nominating committee. This report was read by Father Shean, South Carolina. A slate of the alternates were also read. Motion was passed that the slate be accepted. Father moved that all nominations be accepted. Motion passed. He also asked for a nominating committed for next year. This motion was also moved and seconded.

There were two further offices that had not been referred to the nominating committee, stated by the president. They were Dr. Mitchell, Executive Director and Mrs. Ruth Alexander, Secretary-Treasurer. A motion on these offices was passed.

The president called for further discussion of the program and any other business. Miss Josephine Wilkins made a motion that the staff be required to submit to the Executive Committee and the Executive Committee to the Board, proposals for the continued existence of the Council after the expiration of the grant from the funds. This is to be done not later than the April meeting. Motion passed.

Mr. A. L. Johnson, Prentiss, Mississippi, asked that the Council take up some cognizance of the WCC in Mississippi. Get some help from outside office.

The President asked for any other suggestions that would help deal with the WCC.

Rabbi Mantinband said, "to set up a kind of program with the point of view in opposition to that of the WCC and should be done without any fear of their attitude". "Let it begin on a state basis".

Mr. Claude Evans, Columbia, South Carolina, suggested that this group condem economic pressure. Mrs. Birnie asked whether it would be advisable in report of this meeting to condemn economic pressure.

In reply, Mr. Fleming advised that whenever possible our statement is not to condemn, but to bring something new. He said, that press releases bring about a better relationship.

The meeting adjourned at 4 P. M.

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL

November 9, 1955

The annual meeting of the Southern Regional Council convened at Dorothy Hall on the campus of Tuskegee Institute, Wednesday, November 9, 1955 at 9:15 a.m. Mr. Marion A. Wright, President, was in the chair. Invocation was given by Rabbi Charles Mantinband of Mississippi.

The following members were present:

Mrs. L. C. Bates
Mrs. W. F. Bates
Mr. F. Woods Beckman
Mrs. C. M. Birnie
Mr. B. R. Brazeal
The Rev. W. C. Brooke
Mr. I. H. Burney
Mrs. James S. Crate
Mr. Fred Darragh
Mr. A. W. Dent
Mr. O. D. Duncan
Mr. J. M. Ellison
Mr. J. Claude Evans
Mr. C. G. Gomillion
Mr. John A. Griffin
Mr. Duncan Hunter
Mr. A. L. Johnson
Mr. John R. Larkins
Mr. Clarence Robinson (Proxy for Dr. Elsie Lewis)
Rabbi Charles Mantinband
The Rev. Olaf Anderson (elected in place of Dr. Sanders)
Dr. Cameron McRae (Proxy for R.D.Wellons)
Mr. W. H. Perry
Mr. Clarence Robinson
Mr. Charles A. Shaw
Very Rev. M. V. Shean, C. O.
Mr. H. C. Trenholm
Mr. John H. Wheeler
Miss Josephine Wilkins
Mr. Marion A. Wright
Mr. Thomas W. Young

STAFF - Admitted only for parts of the meeting

Mr. George S. Mitchell
Mr. Harold Fleming
Mr. C. H. Parrish
Mr. Fred Routh
Mrs. Ruth Alexander
Mr. G. S. Alexander
Miss Irene Osborne
Mr. Robert Hughes (representing Host State of Alabama)

The Board met briefly in Executive sessions, during which interval Dr. L. H. Foster, President of Tuskegee Institute extended greetings.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The report of the Executive Committee to the Board of Directors was read. The report was approved with the amendment by Miss Josephine Wilkins that in paragraph 23 approval had been given by the Executive Committee "in principle." The report follows:

The Executive Committee of the Southern Regional Council has met five times since the last annual meeting of the Board. The dates on which the meetings were held were: November 23, 1954; February 17, 1955; May 26, 1955; August 16-18, 1955; and October 28-29, 1955. The August meeting was held at Mammoth Cave, Kentucky. All the rest were held in Atlanta, Georgia.

The Committee's actions are here listed:

1. Charged chairmen of state organizations with the responsibility of employing only loyal Americans, and of signing a form so stating for SRC's permanent files. 11/23/54

2. As empowered by the Board, worded an amendment of SRC's By-Laws, Article V, Section 4, to provide for a Nominating Committee, which, meeting at least 30 days prior to annual meeting, would nominate: a) Members of the Council; b) Officers of the Council; c) Members of the Executive Committee; and d) three members of the succeeding Nominating Committee (one of whom is to be a state chairman). The President and the Executive Committee shall appoint at least two more members. 11/23/54

3. Appointed a Program Planning Committee to work closely with the staff in planning program. 11/23/54

4. Carefully reviewed work of the staff and Program Planning Committee. 2/17/55

5. Pledged members present to raise or give $100 each to SRC and invited the rest of the Committee and Board to do likewise. 2/17/55

6. Authorized the release of a "Statement by the Executive Committee, Southern Regional Council" which hailed the progress toward desegregation in 80 out of 129 border-state counties, summarized what was being done in the upper South and Southwest, and deplored lack of progress in the hard core states.

It strongly recommended the creation of local planning committees by citizens of both races meeting in equal dignity. 2/17/55 (statement released 3/6/55)

7. Authorized Harold Fleming, Assistant Director, to sign SRC checks. 2/17/55

8. Accepted with regret the resignation, effective July 15th, of Katherine Stoney and appointed Mrs. Ruth Alexander as Acting Secretary-Treasurer. 5/26/55

9. Carefully reviewed the work of the staff and approved a letter from the Executive Director to the Fund for the Republic proposing a reallocation of unspent state organization funds to be used for benefit of the state organizations. 5/26/55

10. Authorized funds for fee and travel for Morris Abram as special counsel on tax exemption hearing at Washington, D. C. 5/26/55

11. Heard a detailed report by Mrs. Grace Hamilton on her year's work with SRC and asked for a written report thereof. 5/26/55

12. Heard report of proposed state staff meeting at Camp New Hope, North Carolina, June 1-3. 5/26/55

13. Approved the idea of two-day Executive Committee meetings, out of Atlanta when practicable. 5/26/55

14. Carefully reviewed the work of the staff: Executive Director, information services, state organizations, women's work, financial situation. 8/16-18/55

15. Accepted with regret the resignation, for lack of time to attend meetings, of McDowell Richards from the Executive Committee (not from the Board) at his request. (He had been elected Moderator of the Presbyterian Church, U. S.) 8/16-18/55

16. Discussed the possibility of an "Awards Program" to Southern communities for good behavior in meeting the Supreme Court Decision. 8/16-18/55

17. Reviewed Mrs. Grace Hamilton's report and suggestions. Authorized payment of $350 to her for preparing it. 8/16-18/55

18. Requested of the Fund for the Republic an increased allotment during the second grant period to provide for a training program for state staff and boards. 8/16-18/55

19. Approved hiring an Administrative Assistant to the Executive Director. 8/16-18/55. Action completed October 1, 1955.

20. Discussed SRC sponsorship of a possible Southern Legal Reporting Service; approved the idea and agreed to accept its sponsorship if it were offered to SRC. 8/16-18/55

21. Decided that once the budget had been set no reallocation of funds should take place without the approval of the Executive Committee. 8/16-18/55

22. Requested that at future Executive Committee meetings only members and the Executive Director be present; reserving power (of course) to invite other staff members to meetings for specific reports on their work. 8/16-18/55

23. Approved the staff draft of a manuscript on the history of the Southern Regional Council, drawn for use in the October, 1955 controversy with the Attorney-General of Georgia. 10/28-29/55

24. Proposed for the consideration of the Board of Directors such amendments to the By-Laws as would confine membership on the Board and on the Executive Committee to volunteer (i. e., non-staff) personnel. 10/28-29/55

25. Undertook to draft procedural rules for the meetings of the Executive Committee which would bring in staff personnel on invitation. 10/28-29/55

26. Accepted with the greatest regret the resignation of Mr. Leonard Haas as Counsel, he having served the Council and its predecessor, the Commission on Interracial Cooperation, in this capacity for more than twenty-five years. 10/28-29/55

27. Undertook that in the present fiscal year instead of recommending that Committee and Board members give or get a hundred dollars apiece to the Council a request would be made to these persons to assist the Council directly with such sums as might be practicable. 10/28-29/55

28. Agreed to recommend to the Board the employment of Mrs. Ruth Alexander, Acting Secretary-Treasurer, as Secretary-Treasurer, at a modest increase in salary. 10/28-29/55

29. Selected the Executive Committee's members of the 1956 Nominating Committee. 10/28-29/55

30. Approved an arrangement for asking the chairman of each affiliated state organization to nominate a member from that state to serve on a Finance Committee for the Southern Regional Council. 10/28-29/55

31. Adopted a proposed schedule of expenditures for the central office totalling $93,080 in the fiscal year 1955-56, subject to quarterly review as to availability of funds, and with the proviso that a complete budget, listing expected income and proposed outgo, be submitted to the Board of Directors November 9, 1955. 10/28-29/55

32. Accepted the resignation of Morris Abram, of Atlanta, from the Executive Committee, expressing the hope that Mr. Abram would remain on the Board. 10/28-29/55.

33. Approved a proposal to employ an Assistant Director for Program to coordinate a program to be operated jointly with state organizations for assistance in program planning. 10/28-29/55

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT
(Marion A. Wright)

Our annual meetings offer convenient occasions for glimpses backward and forward. It is heartening to see how far we have come; it is sobering to see how far we have to go. The record of the past may be read with much greater assurance than may the stars which foretell the future. Reasonable men may agree as to history, though you may have noted a few minor differences in Northern and Southern versions of the War Between the States, for example. But in the field of prognostication there will be found an infinite variety of opinion. Certainly, this is inevitable; perhaps it is all to the good. The very fact that there is this diversity of guess on so wide a scale leads only to the view that the future is not a fixed, definite and inflexible thing, but that it is malleable and in human hands to form. Therein lies the incentive to each of us to exert his tiny pressure, to throw his small weight into the scale, to leave his fleeting image upon the form of tomorrow.

I doubt that ten years ago there was within the membership of the Southern Regional Council anyone so gifted with prophecy that he could have foretold that in the year 1955 segregation as a part of the policy of the Southern States would be making its last embattled stand. Our program dealt with the periphery of the segregation issue -- better schools, parks, playgrounds, housing, employment -- generally, fairer treatment -- for a minority group. Certainly, segregation will topple the more easily because Southern people have come to see that, in application to specific situations, it was costly, foolish and, in its results, always unfair, to the minority. We may, I believe, in all modesty, claim to have played at least a minor role in preparing the Southern intelligence and conscience to accept the view that separateness is the natural enemy of equality.

At any rate, such was the Council's conception of its role -- attacking the manifestations, the end results, of segregation rather than attacking segregation itself. That view prevailed until December 12, 1951.

Put a star on that date. It is memorable in the Council's history; it may well be memorable in the history of the South. For on that date the Council adopted a Statement of Policy from which moving document I lift one shining sentence:

> The South of the future, toward which our efforts are directed, is a South. . . where segregation will be recognized as a cruel and needless penalty on the human spirit, and will no longer be imposed.

There, at last, was the frontal attack, without evasion, without apology. "Needless penalty on the human spirit." How prophetic of language of Justice Warren on May 17, 1954: "To separate (school children) from others of similar age and qualifications solely because of their race generates a feeling of inferiority as to their status in the community that may affect their hearts and minds in a way unlikely ever to be undone."

It is to the great credit of the Southern Negro and white men and women who composed this Council that four years ago they possessed this degree of boldness and imagination. It is equally to their credit that, as an organization, they had this flexibility of policy. And once again has that flexibility been demonstrated. With the handing down of the Supreme Court's decision, we have adopted the view that, for the immediate future, our natural role is to aid the South to get along with the business of integrating its schools. To that high purpose all else is secondary and subordinate.

While the circumstances of our history and purposes as an organization cast us in that role, there is an extraneous factor which forces the role upon us. We must fill the vacuum. Let me enlarge upon that idea.

Every Southern public official is in duty bound to follow and observe the Court's mandate -- every governor, every attorney general, every school official, every legislator, and all the rest. Let me be quick to say many of them have done so. To them all praise and honor. History will deal kindly with them.

I refer to another and less distinguished group -- vocal, strident, embittered men, determined to keep the past on the throne and regarding the ability to rouse a rabble as fit substitute for character and statesmanship. They control certain states or areas of states. It is their sworn duty to furnish wise leadership in moving with deliberate speed to integrate their schools. In their case there is a leadership vacuum or worse. If there are to be wisdom and honor in approach by such states to solution of the school problem those qualities must be supplied by private citizens and organizations. We may only speak for ourselves. Assuredly, it is our job.

How may we do this?

Those men have power only as they have public opinion behind them. They must, in effect, each day have a vote of confidence from their constituents. While, to some extent, they create public opinion, it is equally true that they are created by public opinion. It is our task to develop that quality and volume of public opinion which will not sustain that kind of appeal.

Let us not gloss over any fact. In certain states, not necessary here to name, they have gone far in stifling any dissent. Clemenceau remarked that "It has always been easy to find men to resist tyranny of

public opinion." Here and there throughout the South the real heroes of this epic struggle emerge, men who brave the dark threat of reprisal or boycott -- an editor at Florence, South Carolina; those who sign their names to letters to the editor; a minister who may be unfrocked by his congregation; those who openly join the NAACP; school patrons in Greensboro who petition for integrated schools with loss of jobs in prospect; church boards who invite members of another race to fill their pulpits; two men in Mississippi who scornfully reject the invitation to leave their communities. It is our business to give to such elect spirits the assurance that they do not stand alone in their hour of crisis.

It may be pointed out that those who now assure the people that white schools may be kept open and Negroes kept out are the same ones, or spiritual legatees of the ones, who assured them that Negroes may be kept from voting in primaries by Boswell amendments, grandfather clauses and the like; that Negroes may be kept off juries, off cars in inter-state commerce and out of law, graduate and undergraduate schools, out of parks, playgrounds and golf courses, and so on. Surely, this record of seductive promise and dismal performance is not calculated to inspire confidence of future grant of power.

As to the stratagems presently under consideration in certain Southern states, it may be pointed out that all have been analyzed by the most competent Southern legal scholarship -- not some Philadelphia lawyer or Mr. Thurgood Marshall, if you please -- and have been found completely vulnerable on naked constitutional grounds. Law journals of South Carolina, Alabama, North Carolina, Virginia -- no doubt there are others -- have flatly declared these petty schemes won't hold water. These law editors aren't running for office. They are concerned only with telling the people the truth.

But perhaps the most powerful argument of all, as expressed by the Florence, South Carolina, editor, is "You can't win." Arrayed against the segregationist are: the full power of the federal government, including the courts; both political parties; the labor unions; all major religious denominations; all responsible legal scholarship and the overwhelming sentiment of three fourths of the nation. Segregation, in George Mitchell's phrase, is curling up at the edges. It was at its high water mark May 17, 1954. Border states and counties have taken, or are taking the step in stride. Even within the so-called resistance states, literate counties and cities recognize their obligation and move with dignity to discharge their duty. Every such advance must bring pause to those long accustomed to respond to the argument "Everybody's doing it" more quickly than to the argument "You ought to do it."

Chattanooga brought down the wrath of Georgia upon its head when that city acted, Attorney General Cook lamenting that Tennessee was no longer the friend of Georgia. Surely, that must have produced gnashing of teeth across the border. I hear they are thinking of spelling Nashville with a G.

So our task is set for us in the arena of public opinion. We are embarked upon a struggle for the empire of men's minds. That we shall win no intelligent person may doubt. How quickly and with what aftermath of bitterness -- there's the rub.

Not only is it true that the evil which men do lives after them; one evil often begets another and a greater evil. Segregation is an evil thing. Any effort to preserve it would be evil. But the effort now being made in some areas of the South employs a method and device even more wicked than segregation itself. It is the method of repression, of boycott, of threat, of intimidation -- the lost job, the withheld credit, the foreclosed mortgage, the warning muttered in the night. For what purpose? To convert one who should stand erect and unafraid in natural and conscious dignity without cringing, fawning, shaken and broken caricature of a man. With what sought-after result? That opinions may wither unuttered in the breast, that dissent may be strangled at birth, that man's struggle through the centuries to achieve and preserve the right to freedom of thought and of speech shall come to an inglorious end in this fifth decade of the Twentieth Century.

The penalties attendant upon segregation fall most heavily upon the Negro. The penalties attendant upon this effort to mute the voices of protest shall fall with icy impartiality upon every man, woman, and child in the South. For no State may survive as a civilized entity -- and it shall not deserve to survive -- if it employs the ancient and primitive weapon of Fear to slay man's right to think and to speak. States have waxed greatly, and men have lived in happy estate, only when with impunity the prevailing opinion may be freely challenged.

It is part of our job to lay these somber truths upon the minds and hearts of Southern people.

We may, perhaps, extract one bit of comfort from the nature of our opposition. When they resort to use of fear they concede their mental bankruptcy. Intimidation is the substitute for logical argument. When it is employed we may be sure that those who employ it know they can make no appeal to reason.

You remember Woodrow Wilson's college debate at Davidson. He was pitted against some hulking football player and was methodically reducing his opponent's arguments to absurdity, when a fan of the football player in the audience shouted this word of advise to Woodrow's opponent: "Call Wilson a liar and turn it into a fight."

I said a moment ago that we are called upon to fill a leadership vacuum. (It may be a bit indelicate to suggest anatomically where that vacuum is, but I believe it is above the neck.) A specific task of that leadership is to prepare plans of integration which may later be submitted to courts for approval, modification or rejection. In some areas that has been done promptly and with wisdom. In others -- well, you read the papers.

Sooner or later these officials will be before the courts. You know what they will say. "The task is difficult and complicated. It must receive much thought. It will take time, say another five years."

I should like to see the Southern Regional Council now, in every federal judicial district, by counties and school districts, encourage local groups to make their own plans of desegregation -- using the best brains of both races and engaging experts for advice on technical points. For the record, as each unit is completed, the plan should be filed with the appropriate school authorities and its adoption urged. The burden would seem thereupon to pass to the authorities to adopt the plan or point out wherein it was deficient. If neither course were followed, there should exist a prima facie case of lack of good faith. That might have some effect when the issue finally came before the court.

Of course, the States would officially and now be following such a course. Where they are not, there exists a leadership vacuum which we may help to fill.

We now have an adequate staff and affiliated organizations in all the states. I hope we may say of every member of all of these staffs that he is receptive to, eager for, new ideas. None of us is sufficiently expert in this uncharted area that he may fail to heed advice from any quarter. It is peculiarly the function of the board to advance suggestions as to policy and methods. I hope that we may have occasion during this meeting to give to the staffs the benefit of our thinking on the problems which beset them.

The most powerful force which any of us could contribute to this cause is an idea. Ideas are the stuff of which all reforms are made.

We should feel complimented by the attacks which are made upon us. If we were futile or ineffective, we should not draw enemy fire. The ground of attack is that we are disturbing an established order, "a way of life," ignoring the fact that the only way of life worth preserving is one in which dissent may be freely expressed, a way of life in which change is the key note.

Two thousand years ago the charge which was brought against Paul and Silas was that they were "turning the world upside down." That is the exact Biblical language. What was meant, of course, was that they were disturbing an established and corrupt order, a way of life which had been kind only to the accusers and those they represented. It is easy to equate one's special and privileged interest with the best interests of all mankind, as seven tailors on one street in London did when they addressed a petition to Parliament beginning "We, the British people."

Surely, we should not complain if we are put in the good company of Paul and Silas.

Rabbi Mantinband praised the remarks of the President for the wisdom and forthrightness in their approach to the purposes of the Council and the problems of the region.

Also Mr. Dent suggested that the remarks be adopted in principle as an expression of the annual meeting. It was so voted.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
(George S. Mitchell)

The president called for a report from the Executive Director. Mr. Mitchell stated that the Southern Regional Council had requested money from the Fund for the Republic for the principal purpose of setting up twelve state agencies in the field of race relations, and that this had been successfully accomplished. The requirement had been further laid upon the central office that it raise, for its own purposes, independently of the Fund for the Republic in the first eighteen months grant period, $40,000; and the central office had in fact raised $51,000. Plans were afoot, he said, which promised effective further direction to the affiliated state groups in program planning and evaluation.

STAFF MEMBERS' REPORTS

Mr. Mitchell then called upon the principal staff persons present to report in detail on their phases of the work.

Mr. Fred Routh, Assistant Director for State Organizations, described the programs underway in each of the twelve state organizations.

Mr. C. H. Parrish, Assistant Director for State Organizations, described the program that was devised in and around the August, 1955 meeting at Atlanta University, calling for the use of special consultants to assist in training in policy counseling with some Board and staff people. It was hoped that the services of Mr. John Hope would be available at an early date to tie together this program. The funds being used for it were a part of the funds remaining unexpended from the 1954-55 allocation to the states.

Miss Irene Osborne, on loan to the Southern Regional Council from the American Friends Service Committee beginning October 1, 1955, described her conferences thus far in Arkansas, Texas and Kentucky, and said that she would, in her remaining work with the SRC, reach similarly the other assisted state groups.

Mr. Harold Fleming, Assistant Director for Information, discussed the usefulness and methods of newspaper and other informational media in the Council's educational effort; described the distribution of materials underway from the central office; recounted the attacks on the SRC which had appeared November 7th in the Hearst newspaper, the New York Journal-American, and some of the subsequent broadcasts by Mr. Fulton Lewis, Jr., raising the same arguments.

Mr. Robert Hughes, Executive Director of the Alabama Council on Human Relations, spoke briefly in welcome to the group as an official of the host state agency.

SRC'S ROLE OF ADVICE TO SOUTHERN COMMUNITIES

Some discussion, in which Mrs. Cassandra Maxwell Birnie and Mr. Charles A. Shaw played leading roles, took place as to the appropriateness of an SRC role of advice to Southern communities on specifics of public school desegregation. The topic came into focus from the recommendation of the President, Mr. Wright, that the state organizations draw up proposals on school desegregation, appropriate for use in each major federal district court area. The Executive Director gave it as his view that SRC and its affiliates has little call to substitute themselves for the action of local citizens in proposing the degree to which lawful rights would now be implemented.

Mr. O. D. Duncan, of Oklahoma, described the volume of detailed work needful in advising with local school boards.

Discussion turned to the present state of opinion in Mississippi, and certain other deep Southern states. Various members, among them Mr. Brooke, President Wright, and Mrs. C. M. Birnie, raised the point of whether present newspaper and magazine controversy is adequately recognizing the contribution of the Southern Regional Council to on-going group thinking.

After a luncheon adjournment at 12:15 p.m., the meeting reconvened at 1:45 p.m., all members of the staff being excluded except the Executive Director.

ATTACKS ON SRC

Discussion turned to the strategy of the reply to the attacks being made on the SRC. There being a good deal of sentiment in favor of lawsuits by the individual persons libelled in the Journal-American article, upon motion by Mr. Dent, the President of the Council was authorized to meet in consultation with the Chairman of the Executive Committee and with the Executive Director, to inquire of the Fund for the Republic whether that body would be willing to ask its counsel to give an opinion as to appropriate recourse against Fulton Lewis, Jr., and the Journal-American.

Upon further motion by Mr. John Griffin, the same three persons were requested to explore other courses of action and bring them to the attention of the Executive Committee.

PROPOSAL OF NATIONAL AGRICULTURAL WORKERS UNION

The Executive Director described a proposal made to him by Mr. H. L. Mitchell of the National Agricultural Workers Union, American Federation of Labor, for the calling of a conference on strategies to be used in countering the White Citizens Councils. After discusion, and upon motion by Mr. Dent, it was agreed that the Council did not wish the energies and resources of its staff to be diverted from the major policy programs already the responsibility of the staff.

OTHER PROBLEMS

Mr. Wright outlined a proposal that as the United States has funds for use in disaster areas, so a proportion of these funds might be made available in areas where civil rights were being neglected or abused.

Various members took part in a discussion of the White Citizens Councils and of means which might be used to lessen their influence in the South at this juncture.

FINANCE REPORT

At this point, the finance report was called for. Mrs. Alexander, Acting Secretary-Treasurer displayed to members the source of funds raised in the first eighteen months grant period. She said that in the request made in 1955, for instance, of $100 each from members of the Executive Committee and from members of the Board, some twenty-four members had paid the requested amount or an approach to it -- the net income from this source being $2,398.

She reported that the Executive Committee would be asking, in the coming year, that Board members and Committee members give no stated amount, but assist the Council as much as possible.

Mr. G. S. Alexander, lately appointed as Administrative Assistant, read the proposed budget for the fiscal year October 1, 1955 - September 30, 1956, as follows:

PROPOSED BUDGET

For Fiscal Year - October 1, 1955—September 30, 1956

CENTRAL OFFICE ONLY

INCOME:	Actual-18 mos. 4/1/54 to 9/30/55	Adjusted 12 mos.	Estimated 1955-56
Contributions from Individuals, Organizations, Churches, etc.	$ 36,106.30	$ 24,070.91	$ 14,000.00
Dues	1,405.00	936.67	500.00
New South Subscriptions	3,603.63	2,402.42	6,000.00
Sale of Literature	4,981.50	3,321.00	3,000.00
Honoraria	2,527.01	1,684.69	1,000.00
Interest Income	2,577.16	1,718.03	800.00
State Divisions	597.50	398.34	
Fund for the Republic	80,200.00	53,466.67	25,000.00
Unexpended balance in Duke and Field Funds			12,100.00
Surplus 1954-55			2,500.00
Sub Total			$ 64,900.00
Anticipated Revenue from other sources to balance budget			28,180.00
TOTAL	$131,998.10	$ 87,998.73	$ 93,080.00

Estimated expenditures for fiscal year - October 1, 1955 to September 30, 1956, and comparison with actual expenditures for the 12 month period - September 1, 1954 to August 31, 1955

EXPENSES:	Actual 1954-55	Proposed 1955-56
Salaries	$ 57,404.94	$ 61,600.00
Social Security Tax	760.57	800.00
Travel	6,945.15	7,500.00
Printing	10,528.10	8,500.00
Rent	1,335.00	1,680.00
Telephone & Telegraph	1,813.01	2,500.00
Postage	1,378.17	2,000.00
Books & Subscriptions	905.99	300.00
Accounting Fees	420.00	500.00
Insurance & Miscellaneous Expense	170.51	300.00
Office Supplies	4,807.58	2,900.00
Annual Meeting Expense	2,663.42	2,000.00
Special Meetings in Connection with Women's Work	893.37	2,500.00
Manuscript on Cotton Tenancy	150.00	
TOTAL	$ 90,175.81	$ 93,080.00

STAFF FORECAST OF INCOME FOR CURRENT FISCAL YEAR

October 1, 1955 - September 30, 1956

Received from the Fund for the Republic		$ 25,000.00
Carry-over from Marshall Field Grant, on hand or covenanted		5,250.00
Carry-over from Doris Duke Grant		6,850.00
Cash balance October 1, 1955, over and above current bills		2,500.00
Contributions:		
Church Organizations		
Methodist	$ 3,000.00	
Presbyterian	500.00	
Protestant Episcopal	1,000.00	
Other	500.00	5,000.00
Labor Organizations		
American Federation of Labor	3,000.00	
United Steelworkers	1,000.00	
United Automobile Workers	1,000.00	
International Ladies' Garment Workers'	500.00	
Other	500.00	6,000.00
Small Foundations		1,000.00
Dues of Associate Members		500.00
Sale of Literature		3,000.00
New South Subscriptions - non-state		1,000.00
New South Subscriptions - state		5,000.00
Honoraria		1,000.00
Board and Executive Committee		2,000.00
Interest Income		800.00
Total clearly expectable		$ 64,900.00
Hoped-for contributions		
Further Grant from Doris Duke Foundation		7,000.00
John Hay Whitney Foundation		4,000.00
Other foundation aid		20,000.00
*Contribution to be raised by Finance Committee, net		15,000.00
TOTAL		$110,900.00

*In view of the importance of raising in this second grant period of aid from the Fund for the Republic a goodly sum to enable the Central Office and the Council as a whole to continue through the third grant period it is hoped that a much larger sum can be raised, mainly from contributions within the South.

FUNCTIONAL DISTRIBUTION OF EXPENSES

ADMINISTRATION AND OVERHEAD	ACTUAL 1954 - 1955	PROPOSED 1955 - 1956
Salary, Executive Director	$ 10,000.00	$ 10,000.00
Salary, Administrative Ass't		6,000.00
Salary, Sec'y to Exec. Dir.	3,000.00	3,100.00
Salary, Secretary-Treasurer	4,958.28	4,000.00
1/3 Salary, Clerk	1,000.00	1,000.00
Social Security for Central Off. Personnel	760.57	800.00
Annual Meeting & Exec. Committee Meetings	2,663.42	2,000.00
Travel	6,703.82	7,000.00
Rent	1,335.00	1,680.00
Telephone & Telegraph	1,813.01	2,500.00
Office Supplies & Equipment	4,500.00	2,500.00
Postage (not including New South)	1,378.17	2,000.00
Printing (other than New South)	6,335.48	2,000.00
Audit Fees	420.00	500.00
Miscellaneous Expense	127.29	300.00
Insurance	43.22	
Sub-totals	$ 45,038,26	$ 45,380.00

* INFORMATION SERVICE AND NEW SOUTH		
Salary, Ass't Dir. for Information	$ 6,833.48	$ 7,000.00
Salary, Editorial Assistant	1,791.52	5,000.00
Salary, Research Assistant	2,483.49	4,000.00
Salary, Clerk		2,700.00
2/3 Salary, Clerk (Circulation)	2,000.00	2,000.00
1/4 Salary, Clerk (Steno)	494.27	750.00
Salary Office Boy (Part-time)	328.50	300.00
New South, Printing & Postage	4,192.62	6,500.00
Envelopes, Addressograph, Plates, etc.	307.58	400.00
Books & Materials	705.99	300.00
Sub-totals	$ 19,137.45	$ 28,950.00

	ACTUAL 1954 - 1955	PROPOSED 1955 - 1956
LAISON - STATE ORGANIZATIONS		
Salary, Ass't Dir. for State Organ.	$ 6,083.31	$ 7,000.00
Salary, Ass't Dir. for State Organ.	3,289.30	2,000.00
1/4 Salary, Stenographer	494.27	750.00
Sub-totals	$ 9,866.88	$ 9,750.00
PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT		**
Salary, Ass't for Program Development	$ 7,750.00	To be provided under state training Program
1/4 Salary, Clerk	494.27	
Program Materials	200.00	
	$ 8,444.27	
Women's Work		
Salary, Director of Women's Work	$ 5,000.00	$ 5,250.00
1/4 Salary, Clerk	494.25	750.00
Travel, Director	241.33	500.00
Meetings, travel of participants etc.	893.37	2,500.00
Sub-totals	$ 6,628.95	$ 9,000.00
Two Clerks - July & August 1955	910.00	
SPECIAL PROJECTS		
Manuscript on Cotton Tenancy	150.00	
Grand Totals	$90,175.81	$93,080.00

* Of the total of $28,950.00 proposed to be spent for the Information Service and New South, $6,850.00 is available as an unexpended balance in the Doris Duke Foundation grant; $1,500.00 is available as an unexpended balance in the Marshall Field Foundation grant; and $5,000,00 has been promised us from the Marshall Field Foundation for the calendar year 1956. Of this $5,000.00 there will be $3,750.00 available for the current budget period.

** Salary for Ass't Director	$ 2,500.00
1/4 Salary, Clerk	500.00
Consultants, salaries &travel	4,000.00
Travel, Ass't Director	1,500.00
Total	$ 8,500.00

Members of the Council drew attention to the fact that of the $93,000 proposed to be spent, only some $64,000 seemed to be clearly expected. The Executive Director described some of the prospects for closing the gap, but stated that he did not expect the gap could be closed without quite substantial assistance from the Finance Committee of the Board. He said steps were underway, in consultation with the state organizations, for creating such a Committee. It was further suggested that in the present fiscal year, it should be the duty of such a Finance Committee to raise not a sum on the order of $15,000, but a sume on the order of $100,000, as during the fiscal year 1956-57 there was every reason to suppose that the Council would face extra difficulty in raising funds.

After further discussion, the budget was approved.

AMENDMENTS TO BY-LAWS

The Executive Committee recommended to the Board certain changes in the by-laws, to establish the right of the Executive Committee and Board to meet in the absence of staff personnel; these were taken up.

Article II, Section 3, was amended to read: The president, the vice-presidents, the counsel, and the treasurer shall also be ex-officio members.

Article V, Section 1, was amended to read: The Council shall provide for an Executive Committee of not more than nine (9) members in addition to the president, vice-presidents, treasurer, and counsel. The Executive Committee shall serve during the pleasure of the Council and may be discharged and the Committee abolished at any time by the Council. Unless one of the members shall have been designated as chairman by the Council, the Executive Committee shall elect a chairman from its own number. During the intervals between the meetings of the Council the Executive Committee shall possess and may exercise all of the powers of the corporation, conferred by these by-laws or the charter of the corporation, in all cases in which specific directions shall not have been given by the Council. The Executive Committee shall keep full and fair accounts of its transactions. All action by the Executive Committee shall be reported to the Council at its meeting next succeeding such action, and shall be subject to revision and alterations by the Council; provided that no rights of third persons shall be affected by any such revision or alteration. Vacancies in the Executive Committee shall be filled by the Council.

Upon motion the proposed amendments were unanimously approved.

REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

President Wright called for a report of the Nominating Committee. The report was read by the Very Reverend Maurice V. Shean, C. O., of South Carolina, as follows:

In accordance with the By-Laws of the Council, the Nominating Committee met on Saturday, October 8, 1955, in Atlanta, Georgia.

Present at the meeting were Father Maurice V. Shean (served as chairman); Mr. Benjamin E. Mays, and Mr. Philip Hammer. Mr. George Mitchell served as secretary to the Committee.

The Committee having been apprised of vacancies on the board; list of officers; and other committees due to resignations and graduation, agreed on the following nominations:

Members of the Board

Alabama
*Dr. C. G. Gomillion, Tuskegee Institute
Mr. William Kaufman, Mobile
Dr. L. H. Foster, Tuskegee Institute

Arkansas
*Mrs. W. F. Bates, Little Rock
Mr. M. Lafayette Harris, Little Rock

Florida
*Mr. Herbert Davidson, Daytona Beach

Georgia
*Mr. J. A. Griffin, Emory University
*Dr. J. M. Richards, Decatur
*Dr. H. V. Richardson, Atlanta
Mr. Robert Snodgrass, Atlanta
Mrs. Robert McDougall, Atlanta
Mr. Leonard Haas, Atlanta

Kentucky
Mrs. William Heuser, Louisville

Louisiana
*Miss Florence Sytz, New Orleans
Mr. Monte Lemann, New Orleans

Mississippi
*The Rt. Rev. Monsignor Brunini, Jackson

North Carolina
*Dr. E. A. McDowell, Wake Forest
* The Rt. Rev. E. A. Penick, Raleigh
Mr. Harry L. Golden, Charlotte

Oklahoma
Mr. James Stewart

South Carolina
*The Very Rev. M. V. Shean, Rock Hill
Mr. James M. Dabbs, Mayesville

Tennessee
*Mr. Paul Christopher, Knoxville
*Dr. Charles S. Johnson, Nashville
*Mrs. J. Fount Tillman, Lewisburg
Texas
*Mrs. J. N. Rayzor, Houston
*Mr. J. Edwin Smith, Houston
Virginia
Mr. Frank Price, Lexington

*Nominations for re-election

Alternates for Board (all new)

Alabama
Mrs. Myra Jones Bryant, Birmingham
Mr. York Wilburn, Tuscaloosa
Arkansas
Mrs. E. J. Sparling, Hot Springs
Kentucky
Mr. Mark Etheridge, Louisville
Louisiana
Mrs. Jacqueline Leonhard
Mississippi
Mr. Purser Hewitt, Jackson
North Carolina
Mr. Julian Price, Greensboro
Dr. Raymond Wheeler
South Carolina
Mr. W. E. Solomon, Columbia
Mr. Chester E. Travelstead, Columbia
Virginia
Mrs. J. Birdsall Calkins, Arlington

Officers

*President - Marion A. Wright
Vice-President - Paul D. Williams
*Vice-President - Gordon B. Hancock
*Vice-President - Albert W. Dent
*Vice-President - Carter Wesley
Counsel - Vacancy to be filled ad-interim by Executive Com.

Executive Committee

*Rufus E. Clement - Chairman
J. M. Dabbs
*Mrs. Cassandra M. Birnie
*Paul Christopher
*John A. Griffin
*Harry V. Richardson
*Maurice V. Shean
*Miss Josephine Wilkins
E. A. McDowell
(plus officers)

*Nominations for re-election

Nominating Committee (all new)

I. H. Burney
Guy Johnson
Mrs. E. U. Robinson

Elected by Executive Committee in Meeting October 28-29, 1955

Carroll Brooke, Virginia
B. R. Brazeal, Georgia

Mr. Leonard Haas was nominated from the floor for the office of Counsel. Upon motion, the nominees named were unanimously elected.

The Executive Director and the Secretary-Treasurer having withdrawn, the Council proceeded to its duty under the by-laws to determine whether the Executive Director and the Secretary-Treasurer would be confirmed for the ensuing year. On motion these two officials were reelected for one year, they being George S. Mitchell, Executive Director, and Mrs. Ruth House Alexander, Secretary-Treasurer.

On motion by Miss Josephine Wilkins, the staff was directed to submit to the Executive Committee, at an early meeting, not later than the April meeting, proposals for the continued existence of the Council after the expiration of the grant from the Fund for the Republic.

Mrs. Birnie proposed for discussion a possible resolution from the Council condemning economic pressure as exercised by the White Citizens Councils. After discussion in which many members took part, and the motion was withdrawn, no action was taken.

The meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

Atlanta, Georgia
July 12, 1955

Dr. George S. Mitchell
Executive Director
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Sir:

An examination has been made of the books and records of the Southern Regional Council, Inc., for the period of April 1, 1955 to June 30, 1955. The following Exhibits and Schedules, together with comments, constitute our report:

Exhibit A - Balance Sheet, June 30, 1955
Exhibit B - Statement of Receipts and Disbursements - Central Office
Exhibit C - Statement of Receipts and Disbursements - State Organizations
Schedule 1 - Analysis of Contributions for Six Months
Schedule 2 - Reconciliation Statement - First National Bank
Schedule 3 - Reconciliation Statement - Citizens Trust Co.
Schedule 4 - Accounts Payable, June 30, 1955

COMMENTS

Cash In Bank - Central Office - $2771.69
Cash In Bank - State Organizations -$8672.00

All recorded receipts were traced to bank deposit statements and disbursements were compared with cancelled checks. Bank balances at June 30, 1955 were confirmed by correspondence with the depositories. Schedule 2 and 3 show the details of the reconciliations.

Savings Accounts -$110,251.25

Savings certificates amounting to $60,000. were counted. Savings accounts with banks were confirmed by correspondence. Interest to June 30, 1955 has been taken up on the books.

Accrued Payroll Taxes - $1770.54

This account consists of income tax withholdings and social security taxes for June for both the Central office and the State Organizations.

Accounts Payable - $1,339.68

Schedule 4 lists the creditors and amounts at June 30, 1955. These have been paid in July.

Advance Appropriations - $52,100.00

This consists of an advance from the Fund for the Republic for the next three months.

Surplus - $66,004.90

As was indicated in the report for the previous quarter, the increase of approximately $12,000. is the result of an excess of the allocated amount from the grant for the quarter over disbursements for State Organizations.

Schedule 1 shows an analysis of the principal sources of Contributions by quarters for the six months ended June 30, 1955 - these sources are in addition to the Fund for the Republic grant.

In our opinion, the attached statements reflect fairly the financial condition at June 30, 1955 and results of operations for the three months ended June 30, 1955 of the Southern Regional Council, Inc.

Respectfully,

L. E. Campbell

L. E. Campbell, CPA

LEC/s

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC.
Atlanta, Georgia

BALANCE SHEET
June 30, 1955

ASSETS

Cash In Bank - Central Office (Sch. 2)	$ 2771.69	
Cash In Bank - State Organizations (Sch.3)	8672.00	
Savings Accounts	110251.25	
Inventory - Pamphlets	250.00	
Total Assets		$ 121944.94

LIABILITIES

Accrued Payroll Taxes		$ 1770.54	
Accounts Payable (Sch. 4)		1339.68	
Due to Special Projects:			
Commission on Equal Penalties	$341.07		
Fellowship of Concerned	285.75		
State Divisions	103.00	729.82	
Advance Appropriation:			
Fund for the Republic		52100.00	
Total Liabilities			55940.04

NET WORTH

Surplus, June 30, 1955	66004.90
Total Liabilities and Surplus	$ 121944.94

EXHIBIT A

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC.
Atlanta, Georgia

Statement of Receipts and Disbursements - Central Office
April 1, 1955 to June 30, 1955

RECEIPTS

Balance, April 1, 1955		$ 40,352.64
Contributions:		
Individuals	$ 369.00	
Organizations	2375.00	
Churches	775.00	
Foundations	500.00	
Members Dues	245.00	
New South Subscriptions	1166.50	
Sale of literature	957.56	
Honoraria	125.00	
Interest earned	1457.25	
For State Divisions	3.00	
Transfer from Citizens Trust Co.	801.50	8,774.81
Total Receipts		49,127.45

DISBURSEMENTS

Salaries paid	$ 14,561.50	
Rent	315.00	
Travel	1,223.01	
Printing	1,890.94	
Telephone & Telegraph	543.72	
Postage	289.23	
O.A.B. Taxes	280.18	
Georgia Sales Tax	8.23	
Bank charges	.70	
Accounting Fees	60.00	
Books & Magazines	228.51	
Executive Committee meetings	381.21	
Office Equipment & Repairs	13.01	
Office Supplies	581.28	
Consultants Fees	434.50	
Special Services	288.49	
Miscellaneous	5.00	
Total Disbursements		21,104.51
Balance, June 30, 1955		$ 28,022.94

Represented by:

First National Bank - checking account	$ 2771.69
C&S Bank of Atlanta - savings account	25251.25
	$ 28022.94

EXHIBIT B

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC.
Atlanta, Georgia

Statement of Receipts and Disbursements - State Organizations
April 1, 1955 to June 30, 1955

Receipts - Amounts raised by State Organizations for their Local Use*

	Contri-butions	Members Dues	Sale liter.	Misc.	Refunds	Total
Alabama	$ 78.40	$453.00	$ 28.30	$	$ 5.00	$564.70
Arkansas		127.00	13.75			140.75
Georgia	376.00	286.00				662.00
Kentucky		240.00	112.61	1.39		354.00
Louisiana	205.00	232.00		118.25		555.25
Mississippi	63.94	251.50		6.24		321.68
North Carolina	45.00	330.00	53.95	159.00		587.95
South Carolina	11.50	125.00	5.22			141.72
Texas	130.00	111.00	38.85			279.85
	909.84	2155.50	252.68	284.88	5.00	3607.90

*Taken from monthly reports

Disbursements - Amounts disbursed to State Organizations from Fund for the Republic Grant

	Salaries	Consultant Fees	Local Expenses	Travel *	Total
Alabama	$1694.98	$ 140.00	$1000.00	$	$2834.98
Arkansas	1471.38		1200.00		2671.38
Florida				185.02	185.02
Georgia	1666.66				1666.66
Kentucky	2066.66	840.00	500.00		3406.66
Louisiana	1874.98		800.00		2674.98
Mississippi	1682.68		1500.00		3182.68
North Carolina	1650.00		1580.00		3230.00
South Carolina	1978.03		500.00		2478.03
Tennessee	251.91		619.32	514.44	1385.67
Texas	1874.98		1650.00		3524.98
Virginia			1528.10	145.23	1673.33
Totals	$ 16212.26	$ 980.00	$10877.42	$ 844.69	$ 28914.37

Tennessee staff began middle of June
Virginia staff to begin July 1

EXHIBIT C

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC.
Atlanta, Georgia

Analysis of Contributions for Six Months ended June 30, 1955

	First Quarter	Second Quarter	Total for Six Months
Church Sources:			
Methodist			
Board of Education	$	$ 300.00	$ 300.00
Dept. National Missions		250.00	250.00
WSCS, Louisville Conference	25.00		25.00
WSCS, Kentucky Conference	25.00		25.00
WSCS, Glenn Mem. Church, Atlanta		25.00	25.00
Presbyterian			
Board of National Missions, Presbyterian Church, USA	250.00		250.00
Board of Church Extension, Presbyterian Church, US		200.00	200.00
Episcopal			
National Council, Protestant Episcopal Church	1000.00		1000.00
Disciples Peace Foundation	25.00		25.00
Fisk University Church	20.00		20.00
Total Church Sources	1345.00	775.00	$2120.00
Organization Sources:			
International Ladies' Garment Workers - AFL	500.00		500.00
American Federation of Labor	1000.00		1000.00
United Rubber Workers - CIO	100.00		100.00
United Auto Workers - CIO		1000.00	1000.00
United Steelworkers - CIO		1000.00	1000.00
Congress of Industrial Organizations		375.00	375.00
Total Organization Sources	$ 1600.00	$ 2375.00	$ 3975.00
Foundation Sources:			
Sigmund Silberman Foundation		300.00	300.00
Sidney Hillman Foundation		200.00	200.00
Miller & Rhoades Foundation	200.00		200.00
Marion R. Ascoli Fund	300.00		300.00
Edgar Stern Family Fund	300.00		300.00
Rita H. Aronstam Foundation	50.00		50.00
Field Foundation	7000.00		7000.00
Doris Duke Foundation (rec'd in 1954 for 1955)	10000.00		10000.00
Total Foundation Sources:	17850.00	500.00	18350.00

Schedule 1

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC.
Atlanta, Georgia

Reconciliation Statement - First National Bank
Atlanta, Georgia
June 30, 1955

Balance in bank		$ 4543.72
Less checks outstanding:		
Number	Amount	
6866	$ 5.67	
6880	4.00	
6892	7.50	
6895	55.99	
6901	1.70	
6905	326.40	
6907	362.87	
6908	247.73	
6909	155.25	
6910	237.73	
6911	104.80	
6913	143.43	
6914	35.28	
6915	55.00	
6916	28.68	1772.03
Balance per books, June 30, 1955		$ 2771.69

Schedule 2

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC.
Atlanta, Georgia

Reconciliation Statement - Citizens Trust Company
June 30, 1955

Balance, per bank		$ 13,870.30
Less checks outstanding:		
Number	Amount	
1832	$ 8.40	
1950	5.52	
1962	7.20	
1965	18.00	
1966	186.43	
1967	500.00	
1968	182.26	
1969	84.80	
1970	182.26	
1971	88.19	
1972	94.80	
1973	177.26	
1975	93.19	
1977	186.43	
1978	104.80	
1979	120.00	
1980	177.26	
1981	88.19	
1982	172.26	
1983	102.09	
1984	219.10	
1985	89.80	
1986	177.26	
1987	79.80	
1988	204.16	
1989	102.09	
1990	246.75	
1991	1500.00	
		5,198.30
Balance, per books, June 30, 1955		8,672.00

Schedule 3

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC.
Atlanta, Georgia

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE AS OF JUNE 30, 1955

Southern Bell Telephone & Telegraph Co.	$ 217.34
Eastern Airlines	1002.67
Avis Rent-A-Car System	18.97
Ivan Allen Co.	1.03
Office Supply Co.	9.65
Mimeograph Co.	18.23
Industrial Paper Corp.	13.66
Elliott Addressing Machine Co.	15.74
Burrelle's Press Clipping Bureau	15.00
Russell Sage Foundation	3.00
American Association of Social Workers	5.00
St. Louis League of Women Voters	4.00
Harper & Brothers	3.75
Rich's Inc.	5.15
Georgia Sales Tax	1.48
	$ 1339.68

Schedule 4

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ROOM 432, 63 AUBURN AVENU

GEORGE S. MITCHELL,
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

September 21, 1955

A Council to attain, through research and action, the ideals and practices of equal opportunity for all peoples in the South.

M E M O R A N D U M

TO: ALL MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

FROM: GEORGE S. MITCHELL

SUBJECT: CORRECTION ON MINUTES OF MAMMOTH CAVE MEETING, AUGUST 16-18, 1955.

On Page 9, the Minutes incorrectly give the amount each member of the Executive Committee hoped to give or get for SRC in this fiscal year as $1,000. Correct amount is $100.

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
OF THE SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL

August 16-18, 1955

Opening meeting August 16th in Room 100 of the Mammoth Cave Hotel. Present were: Mr. Parrish, Mr. Wright, Mr. Christopher, Mrs. Tilly, Mrs. Alexander, Mr. Fleming, Mr. Mitchell, Mr. Constable, Mr. Routh, Elizabeth Brantley.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

All of the twelve Southern states which we undertook to organize now have paid staff. On the quotas of money to be raised by the state programs, Georgia and Texas appear to have met or exceeded their quota; Louisiana, South Carolina, and Alabama are regarded as safe; and North Carolina, Kentucky, Tennessee, and Arkansas are lagging. Virginia and Florida are unpredictable, as they were organized so recently.

On the employment of associate directors in accordance with permission given SRC by the Fund for the Republic for a reallocation of state monies unused by reason of late starts, Mississippi and Arkansas have taken on full-time associates, and Florida and South Carolina seem likely to do so at any time. Virginia has a half-time associate, and consultants are being used on a satisfactory basis in Kentucky and Tennessee. No acceptable provision has been made yet for using associates in Alabama, North Carolina, Georgia, Louisiana, and Texas.

Arrangements are proceeding for nominations in accordance with the changes made in the by-laws at the last meeting of the Board of Directors.

The Program Planning Committee was invited to attend a recent important conference of staff and outside persons at Atlanta University, and two members were present.

Little has been done toward raising funds for next year. There remains to be appointed a finance committee for the Upper South and one for the Southwest.

Work done by various of the staff members was touched upon briefly in anticipation of fuller reports from the staff members themselves later on.

New South now has something over 3,000 paid subscriptions. The arrangement for recruitment of subscribers through state organizations is proceeding satisfactorily. It should not be long before we will have 5,000 paid subscriptions.

Complications in obtaining tax-exemption from the U. S. Treasury for the Georgia Committee on Interracial Cooperation were described, and the employment of Mr. Morris Abram as attorney to represent the Georgia

Committee (and also the SRC's interest) was set forth. As yet no official reply has been received to the appeal made by the Georgia Committee, and SRC, for reversal of the first only partially favorable grant of tax-exemption.

Kentucky has been granted full tax-exemption by its Louisville Treasury office. Mrs. Tilly stated that she had not been consulted about application for tax-exemption for the Georgia Committee.

Reference was made to attendance by state staff people at a two weeks Race Relations Institute at Fisk University of June, which was regarded as training expense (cost approximately $2,000).

As Mr. Wright had, months ago, requested that job descriptions and organizational charts be made available before executive sessions of the Executive Committee, these were handed out to members of the Committee.

The Executive Director reported that space was increasingly at a premium in the central office, and consideration was being given to the addition of removable partitions.

ASSISTANT DIRECTOR FOR STATE ORGANIZATIONS - Mr. Routh

Reviewed the progress of the twelve states. In order reasonably to compress the minutes, only one or two highlights of the description of each state will be here given.

Alabama has over 300 members, divided into seven districts, of which five are so far organized.

Arkansas has an excellent board, representative of the state, and a fully integrated staff.

Georgia is seeking an associate director. Possibility of use of consultants.

Kentucky excellent success with consultants arrangement.

Louisiana proceeding on a basis of district organizations, but handicapped by lack of experience and of a representative state-wide board.

Mississippi. In absence of Rabbi Mantinband, Msgr. Brunini is acting chairman. Has just employed as associate director a white Methodist woman part-time.

North Carolina. Start has been slow, but progress not unsatisfactory. They need a more active board.

South Carolina. Has new state chairman, Claude Evans, editor of the Christian Advocate.

Tennessee. Proceeding well with a consultants' program. New acting chairman, Haskell Miller of Chattanooga. Has employed an office manager in lieu of an Executive Director.

Texas. Until recently not an impressive program, but much more acting since the meeting at Fisk University.

Virginia. Good board and good staff, but new as yet.

Florida. Took on staff August 15th.

ASSISTANT DIRECTOR FOR STATE ORGANIZATIONS - Mr. Parrish

Mr. C. H. Parrish described the genesis of the idea of consultants in his Alabama trip for SRC in the Spring of 1954. He had then seen that this device would enable the use of top people, whose services could not be had on a full-time basis. He also questioned the wisdom of employing integrated staff just for the sake of having it.

He described the meeting held at Atlanta University August 10th and 11th of a number of top people suitable for use as consultants to SRC's central program. Among those present were: Robert Jones of the American Friends Service Committee, Harry Walker, Howard University; Emory Jackson, Birmingham World; Ruby Hurley, Southeastern NAACP representative; Lewis Killian, Florida State University; Whitney Young, Atlanta University School of Social Work; Hylan Lewis, Atlanta University; Irene Osborne, American Friends Service Committee; Lewis Jones, Rural Life Council, Tuskegee Institute; Lee Coleman, University of Kentucky; Francis Manis, University of Tennessee; Christopher Mercer, Associate Director, Arkansas Council on Human Relations; Bonita Valien of Fisk University and the Southern Education Reporting Service; Edward Weaver, Atlanta University; A. L. Whiting, Morris Brown College; and R. O. Johnson, Atlanta University.

These persons had been brought together for two days for critical comment on the work and possibilities of SRC. The meeting had been of substantial help to the staff in shaping a proposal to the Fund for the Republic for funds to finance a long range consultants program.

Meeting reconvened at 9:00 a.m. August 17th in Blue Room of Mammoth Cave Hotel. Present were: Mr. Wright, Mr. Christopher, Mrs. Tilly, Mrs. Alexander, Mr. Fleming, Mr. Mitchell, Mr. Constable, Mr. Routh, Mr. Parrish, Elizabeth Brantley.

ASSISTANT DIRECTOR FOR INFORMATION - Mr. Fleming

Reported that under Duke grant arrangements had been made to take on a new employee, Miss Florence Irving, as combined librarian and reference assistant. She was to be in conversation with the Librarian at Duke University before reporting to Atlanta in order that the material she would file

might be brought into conformity with the filing methods in use at the Duke Library.

The information office has been helpful in sending out various books. Among them The Negro and the Schools, Schools in Transition, and Equality by Statute.

Mr. Wright expressed an interest in wider use of display devices in getting printed materials distributed. Mr. Fleming handed to the members of the Committee a photostated volume of clippings on SRC program as lately supplied to the Fund for the Republic.

Widespread information requests continue to come in growing volume. Mr. Wright raised the question of desirability of having someone on information staff whose time would go solely to promotion.

Mr. Fleming stated that this involved a matter of balance in terms of the whole staff. Information program is now handsomely subsidized, having, in addition to himself, an editorial assistant, a reference librarian in prospect, and some portion of the general clerical costs of the office. To add a promotion person would cost a good deal.

Wright. If money were available, could such a person actually earn salary by increasing distribution?

Fleming. Hard to answer. Circulation and distribution of publications are undoubtedly related to whole expanding influence of SRC. Each of the staff people is now a sort of willy-nilly promotion agent for New South, which is not the kind of publication that can be promoted like large magazines.

Routh. Additional place needed in the state organizations end for a high-type clerical person to handle office business when he is out in the field.

Parrish. Best use of New South is in the development of state organizations.

Fleming. Highest priority of the Council at present has to be given to state organizations, because that is the job undertaken, and it is really the sustaining part of the organization; a natural engine. Expansion of New South will be in proportion to development of state organizations.

Mr. Wright made the further suggestion that displays be arranged at religious and other conferences, and some discussion ensued as to the practicability of this.

Mrs. Tilly was of the opinion that it would pay to advertise New South in church organs.

WOMEN'S WORK -- Mrs. M. E. Tilly

Recent statement by the United Church Women of Georgia was believed to have been helpful in the present Georgia controversy on public school matters. Southwide meeting of church women had been fruitful of many local conferences, and Mrs. Tilly was still having a demand for further mimeographed findings or "Gleanings." State meetings following up that conference had been held in Georgia, Alabama, South Carolina, and Louisiana. And another to be held soon in Florida. She had been given a tiny budget from the Southern Regional Council, permitting a total of six such additional meetings at $200 each, but this was too little for the effort underway.

She had put in a good deal of time at camps for young people this Summer, and she thought with quite helpful results. Christopher said he would be helped by articles coming from Southern ministers on what the church could do in helping to dispell racial prejudices.

Discussion on ways in which New South could reach a wider audience. Mr. Christopher suggested that pictures be carried in each issue. Mr. O. B. Taylor of Knoxville, a medical doctor, influential in that town, was thought of as possibly quite helpful in getting additional people in Knoxville to subscribe to New South. He, Christopher, would be willing to list people he knows to be checked against SRC's contacts in Tennessee. Further discussion on ways of getting increased interest of union people in SRC and in New South.

Parrish. A certain degree of autonomy needs to be recognized in Tennessee (or any other state). Matter of training staff persons and training boards so that they can involve people who need to be involved. Tennessee has not long been set up and is now trying to raise money and make contacts in local communities. Has not yet had opportunity to get around and make contacts in the states with all persons who might be interested in working with the organization. Needs staff person to devote full-time to (1) approaching persons at the state level through existing organizations, and (2) approaching persons at the grass roots level to induce action. Limited resources (financially and staff-wise) and it is now a matter of reaching people closest to the seat of the organization and then spreading out. In favor of state organizations making contacts with people in the state who might make other contacts, but the difficulty of follow-up arises. Large cities are going to take care of themselves in the sense that leadership is available which can be mobilized to work; in smaller towns there are no organizations, and that is where the difficulty is going to be. SRC's function in larger cities would be to coordinate the activities of existing organizations; in outlying places, it is a matter of person to person contact to get things moving.

Wright. Wouldn't it be true that if resources are needed, the easiest and quickest way of getting them would be for the state directors to contact key men in labor, churches, etc.?

Fleming. Reexamined some of the assumptions under which SRC operates. Agrees that if you change conduct, ideas change. Now New South aims at people who are in position to make a change in group situations; institutions, organizations, etc., who are in position in some way to get things done within their own organizations. When that group changes its practices, then you are really getting an attitude. New South then is not aimed at mass audience, but at people who can achieve group or institutional change. The content of it is directed toward that end; showing organizations what has been done and what could be done in changing attitudes. As far as circulation goes, New South probably has a clear maximum of 20,000, if people are to be reached and reached well. Not trying to change people's attitudes, but there are some people who are of good will and don't know what to do and have to be told. For state organizations New South is an instrument to feed ideas to people who are persuaded, but don't know what to do.

Wright. Mr. Christopher's position is that we make New South sufficiently attractive to pick up curiosity, and then to draw subscriptions through that curiosity.

Fleming. New South is a twelve page magazine which comes out monthly, into which can be gotten 4,000 or maybe 5,000 words if squeezed. People who are not interested in what you are going to sell will hardly be persuaded to buy just on the strength of a picture. To do that sort of thing would require an entirely different kind of publication -- a regearing of the present format.

REPORT OF THE ACTING SECRETARY-TREASURER - Mrs Alexander

She reported that the first grant period from the Fund for the Republic ran from April 1, 1954, through September 30, 1955. In that time, the Southern Regional Council was required to raise $40,000 independently of the FFR. Between the dates of April 1, 1954, and August 8, 1955, it had raised $46,102.98 exclusive of an additional $2,000 raised by the states, and paid into SRC as subscriptions to New South.

She then exhibited a preliminary budget for the coming fiscal year, beginning October 1, 1955, and showing comparative figures of the twelve months period already elapsed. The preliminary budget was as follows:

PRELIMINARY BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR -- October 1, 1955 - September 30, 1956;
and comparison with actual expenditures for 12 months period
September 1, 1954 - August 31, 1955

CENTRAL OFFICE ONLY

ADMINISTRATION AND OVERHEAD	Actual '54-'55	Proposed '55-'56
Salary, Executive Director	$10,000.00	$10,000.00
Salary, Secretary to Exec. Dir.	3,000.00	3,100.00
Salary, Secretary-Treasurer	4,958.28	4,500.00

PRELIMINARY BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR (cont'd)

ADMINISTRATION AND OVERHEAD (cont'd)	Actual '54-'55	Proposed '55-'56
1/3 salary, clerk	$ 1,000.00	$ 1,000.00
Social Security for all central office personnel	760.57	800.00
Annual meeting and Executive Committee meetings	2,080.06	2,000.00
Travel	6,703.82	7,000.00
Rent	1,335.00	1,260.00
Telephone and Telegraph	1,813.01	4,500.00
Office supplies and equipment	4,500.00	4,000.00
Postage (not including New South)	1,354.17	3,500.00
Printing (other than New South)	6,335.48	2,000.00
Audit fees	285.00	500.00
Miscellaneous Expense	127.29	300.00
Insurance	43.22	
Salary, Executive Assistant		5,000.00*
Sub-totals	$44,295.90	$49,460.00
INFORMATION SERVICE AND NEW SOUTH		
Salary, Asst. Dir. for Information	$ 6,833.48	$ 7,000.00
Salary, Editorial Assistant	1,791.52	4,000.00
Salary, Research Assistant	2,483.49	4,000.00
2/3 Salary, Clerk (circulation)	2,000.00	2,000.00
1/4 Salary, Clerk (Steno)	494.27	750.00
Salary, Office Boy	328.50	300.00
New South Printing and Postage	3,770.58	6,500.00
Envelopes, Addressograph Plates, etc.	307.58	400.00
Books and Materials	705.99	300.00
Sub-totals	$18,715.41	$25,250.00**
PROMOTION-STATE ORGANIZATIONS		
Salary, Asst. Dir. for State Organizations	$ 6,083.31	$ 7,000.00
Salary, Asst. Dir. for State Organizations	3,289.30	2,000.00
1/4 Salary, Stenographer	494.27	750.00
Sub-totals	$ 9,866.88	$ 9,750.00
PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT		
Salary, Asst. for Program Development	$ 7,750.00	To be provided for under state training program
1/4 Salary, Clerk	494.27	
Program Materials	200.00	
Sub-totals	$ 8,444.27	

PRELIMINARY BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR (cont'd)

WOMEN'S WORK	Actual '54-'55	Proposed '55-'56
Salary, Director of Women's Work	$ 5,000.00	$ 5,250.00
1/4 Salary, Clerk	494.25	750.00
Travel, Director	241.33	500.00
Meetings, travel of participants, etc.	893.37	2,000.00
Sub-totals	$ 6,628.95	$ 8,500.00
Two clerks - July and August, 1955	910.00	
SPECIAL PROJECTS		
Manuscript on Cotton Tenancy	150.00	
GRAND TOTALS	$89,011.41	$93,160.00

* Possibly to be financed under training program

** Toward this amount approximately $8,350 will be available as unexpended balance in the Marshall Field and Doris Duke grants.

She listed as expenses thus far charged to unexpended state balances, the sum of $30,000 for the coming fiscal year committed for employment of associates by the states; the Fisk conference; $500 borne by the Southern Regional Council for attorney's fee in the matter of tax-exemption for the Georgia Committee; the A. U. Conference August 10th and 11th; the special meeting of the Executive Committee at Mammoth Cave; and the employment of Irene Osborne at a total salary cost of $5,000, plus her travel for six months. This left a prospective balance in the state allocations of $12,500.

The Executive Director, in summarizing prospects for the coming year, said that he felt reasonably confident of raising the following amounts:

Church Organizations	$ 5,000
Labor Organizations	5,000
Small Foundations	1,000
Dues of Associate Members	500
Sale of Literature	3,000
New South, non-state	1,000
" state	5,000
Honoraria	1,000
Board and Exec. Com.	2,000

He thought that foundations known to be friendly might contribute an additional $7,500, bringing the total up to $31,000. In addition, we would carry over from the Duke grant and the Field grant approximately $11,500, making a grand total of $42,500. We are committed to raise $55,000 for the coming fiscal year, in order to meet our obligation to the FFR. If the figures just given are reasonable, we are still $12,500 short in prospect of enough to raise even the $55,000. The budget just shown (based on

approximately present personnel, plus an administrative assistant), was $13,000 in excess of the $80,000 available on the supposition that we raise the $55,000 and that the Fund for the Republic makes it expected contribution of $25,000 for the budget of the central office for the coming fiscal year.

Mr. Christopher made a number of detailed suggestions as to possible sources of funds for the coming year.

The Executive Director reported on the undertaking by members of the Executive Committee to give or raise $1,000 apiece. $100 had been received from Crossman, Clement, Wesley, and Mitchell; Leonard Haas has raised $350; Mr. Christopher had just turned in $64.00 towards his hundred; and Marion Wright was to be credited with the $100 contribution received from Mr. David Stern. Two members of the Board had paid in $100 and it was hoped that others would do so by September 30th. Appropriate letters have been written out to the Board members by Mr. Clement or by the Executive Director.

Mr. Clement's effort with various church officials has brought replies indicating that we might expect later on to receive $1,000 a year from the church bodies.

Meeting reconvened at 5:00 p.m., August 17th in the Blue Room of the Mammoth Cave Hotel. Present were: Mr. Wright, Mr. Christopher, Mrs. Tilly, Mrs. Alexander, Mr. Fleming, Mr. Mitchell, Mr. Constable, Elizabeth Brantley.

Mr. Mitchell reported the resignation of Mr. McDowell Richards from the Executive Committee, in a letter recently received. Mr. Richards has been elected to the position of Moderator of the Presbyterian Church in the United States, and it was obvious therefore that his time for outside activities was much curtailed.

Mr. Richards did not resign as a member of the Board of SRC, and he therefore continues in a term expiring at the time of the Board meeting in 1955.

Whereupon on motion it was agreed that the resignation of Mr. McDowell Richards, as a member of the Executive Committee, be accepted with regret, and that the Executive Director was to write Mr. Richards re.

AWARDS PROGRAM

Mr. Mitchell described the proposal originally opened by staff members of the Fund for the Republic for awards to Southern communities which had done outstandingly well in school desegregation. The idea had been handed on to Mr. Wright who had developed it in a substantial draft, a copy of which was given out to those present. Subsequent discussion developed that it had been suggested that persons from the central office

of the Southern Regional Council would do the investigating as to the quality of performance by local communities; that the program was thought of as running for about a year, that the use made by the local school board of the money might be for any legitimate and unsegregated purpose in connection with the school. Some persons present saw virtue in stretching the program out over a period of two years. It was said that there is no time limit set in the proposals made. The Executive Director stated that it would be his purpose to write a letter to the Fund for the Republic and enclose the proposal just made, with minor changes, saying that it had the approval of the Executive Committee and the Council would stand ready to handle such a program if authorized and financed.

Mr. John Griffin, not present at this session, but later when present, stated that he doubted the validity of paying public bodies to do their duty.

Mr. Wright, in summarizing the review of the proposals, stated that "we are agreed on the wisdom of filing the proposal in substantially the form suggested, and the Executive Director may use his judgment as to modification and application of that proposal. It should be said that SRC did not undertake to define the purposes for which awards would be used, only limitation would be that it be used for non-segregated purposes."

Meeting reconvened at approximately 8:00 p.m., August 17th in the Blue Room of the Mammoth Cave Hotel. Present were Mr. Wright, Mr. Christopher, Mr. Dent, Mrs. Tilly, Mr. Parrish, Mrs. Alexander, Mr. Fleming, Mr. Mitchell, Mr. Constable, Mr. Routh, Elizabeth Brantley.

MRS. HAMILTON'S REPORT

The Executive Committee, at its May 26th meeting, had requested a report from Mrs. G. T. Hamilton, then Assistant Director for Program. It had requested that her report, made on August 3rd, and duly distributed to members, be summarized by Mr. Fleming. The entire report here follows:

Date: August 3, 1955

Recognition of certain underlying needs of the Southern Regional Council was the basis for the questions raised in the annual report of the Assistant Director for Program. In the hope that the Executive Committee may give consideration to these needs, they are stated below. An analysis of central office functions and some suggestions for meeting the needs as defined follows in response to the request made by the Executive Committee in its May meeting. In developing the statement of needs and the suggestions for meeting them, I have benefited by the thinking of other members of the staff, although responsibility for the proposals made is mine.

NEEDS.--

1. To find ways to increase the participation and involvement of SRC Board and Executive Committee members in the planning and decision making of the SRC.

2. To develop clearer definition of the role of the SRC during the next two years of anticipated subsidy by the FFR; and for the subsequent time when the FFR grant shall have expired.

3. To achieve central staffing that can effectively handle the expanded functions of SRC in this period.

4. To achieve truly integrated staffing in both state and central office organizations.

5. To develop clear-cut standards for measuring the effectiveness of state organizations and to establish procedures for remedial action when minimum standards are not met.

6. To insure that fund raising required by state organizations is carried on without undue diversion from the main purpose and business of the organization.

7. To develop increased recognition that the problems with which the SRC deals are not uniquely southern, but are part of a larger national and international context and therefore require the understanding, involvement and cooperative efforts of individuals and agencies outside of the region working with those within the region.

THE RELATION OF PURPOSE TO PROGRAM

The purpose of an organization is basic to the determination of the program and of the means of program development of the organization. The following statement is regarded as a "working interpretation" of the SRC's purpose as it is reflected in its program goals:

> To encourage the development of an integrated society in the southern region; to extend communication across racial lines as a means to this end; and to use a racially integrated organizational and administrative structure as a means of demonstrating within its own life the objectives which it hopes to achieve in society as a whole. This purpose has been described as a concern for the process by which things are done rather than with the result of what is done.

This purpose is consistent with accepted principles of social change, namely, that efforts directed toward changing the situations which determine behavior is the most effective approach to the change of attitude since changes in attitude usually follow rather than precede changes of behavior.

Effective organization depends upon channels for communication and division of responsibility between the professional staff and lay leadership. Specifically, this involves differentiation between the responsibility of groups which should determine the policy within which program develops, and the responsibility of professional staff employed to execute defined program functions.

It is the responsibility of the SRC through its Board and Executive Committee to determine the functions of the organization; the means through which these functions can be supported and maintained; the number and kind of employed personnel needed to discharge the functional obligations; the allocation of available financial resources in terms of the functions agreed upon; and the committee structure through which these decisions can be made, and through which the organizational experience may be evaluated in terms of changes in the social scene.

Continuous and regular evaluation of an organization's work, in the interest of improved functioning, is not possible without division of responsibility, delegation of authority and clear knowledge of who is responsible for what. It is essential that the decisions of the SRC Board, committees and staff regarding functions and execution of functions be consistent with its purpose - to demonstrate within its own life the objectives it hopes to achieve in society at large. This requires a deliberate consideration of race in the choice of staff and in the delegation of responsibility to staff. This consideration is a factor to be taken into account in addition to the usual considerations involved in determining professional competence for particular jobs. (See Table 1)

Program development of the SRC depends upon the following functions of the central office.

1. Interpretation of its goal and method to individuals and to regional and national groups, in the effort to develop support, both financial and moral.

2. Continuous program planning as a basis for determining the most effective use of the organization's resources in the achievement of its purpose.

3. Advisory and consultative services to affiliated state groups in order to further the development of a program consistent with the objectives of the SRC.

4. Information services, including publications, relations with the press and other media in order to extend the organization's influence for integration.

5. Program services for church women and church related groups in order to encourage and utilize their efforts in the extension of the SRC purpose.

6. Cooperative relationship with other regional and national groups whose purposes relate to those of the SRC, in order that there may be effective use of all channels and resources for achievement of its purpose.

7. Fund raising and support.

The maintenance of supporting office and clerical services is an essential function which is necessary to undergird all other. Uneconomical use of professional personnel occurs unless this is adequately provided.

On the basis of the foregoing analysis of central office functions - and of the present needs of the SRC the following suggestions for modification of structure and staff responsibility are made:

It is suggested that the two day meeting of the Executive Committee consider possible revision of committee and staff structure, as a basis for the request for a second year's assistance from the FFR and as a basis for the coming year's work. Among the possibilities which might increase involvement and participation of lay leadership are the following:

1. The establishment of a Program Committee as a recognized part of the SRC's machinery. This committee might be charged by the Executive Committee with the responsibility for developing an annual budget for the program proposals approved by the Executive Committee, upon recommendation of the professional staff responsible for major program divisions. (Programs in states, information program, church related program, liason relations and wider interpretation.) Because of the changing context within which the SRC operates, it would seem desirable to reserve an unallocated sum annually for such other program projects as may seem desirable to the Executive Director.

The committee should be created with the power to act and would report its actions quarterly to the Executive Committee. Professional staff responsible for divisions of work would be expected to develop and present relevant information, including estimates of cost, in regard to proposals coming before the committee for consideration.

The development of personnel standards, including job description for professional personnel needed to fulfill the functions agreed upon, and standards for salary ranges and increments might be carried by a sub-committee of the Program Committee in order to insure coordination in requirements for the job functions decided upon.

2. The establishment of a Community Services Advisory Committee. This committee might be a useful means to continue the involvement of the persons who are participating in the evaluation of program undertaken in states. This committee might include such full or part-time regional "consultants" as may be related to SRC program in states, and such other persons as may be nominated by this group on the basis of their knowledge of and acquaintance with the influencing factors in the nation and region.

3. The establishment of a region-wide committee for Interpretation and Support. This committee would be composed of members of the SRC Board, and of Board members of affiliated state groups. The committee might need to meet as a whole, at least once a year in order to determine goals, division of responsibility

and an appropriate basis for sharing of funds between the regional and state organizations. It is thought that the committee would function by areas. The attendance of committee members, from time to time, in such program conferences as may be held within the states of each area, would tend to increase understanding of the goals and methods of the SRC by assuming responsibility for its interpretation and support.

SUGGESTIONS FOR DIVISION OF STAFF RESPONSIBILITY IN THE CENTRAL OFFICE

1. The Executive Director might be freed to utilize more fully his gifts for interpretation and education in behalf of extending understanding of the SRC's purpose and of fund-raising for its support. This would enable an increased relationship with individuals and groups in the nation and region with which he has the most useful contacts.

   In order for this to be possible without detriment to other SRC program functions certain revisions in staff assignments and delegation of responsibilities would be necessary. It is therefore suggested that:

2. Provisions should be made in the central office for staff with responsibility and authority for the business administration, office management, and the coordination of administrative functions. (As distinguished from coordination of program functions.) The responsibilities would include fiscal management, supervision of accounting procedures, the preparation of fiscal analysis needed by staff and committees concerned with program, and the preparation of financial reports. These functions might be filled by one or more persons depending upon the skills of the persons available. (This involves re-definition of the functions of the position of Secretary-Treasurer.)

3. A full-time Negro field representative for the SRC with the professional status of assistant director should be employed. This should be a person qualified in terms of personal orientation to a philosophy of integration. It is suggested that his functions be defined as interpretation of SRC purposes and program to individuals and affiliated state organizations in an effort to strengthen the Boards of state organizations; and to carry the staff work involved in developing the region-wide and area committees for interpretation and support. (These functions might be those of one or more of the "regional consultants" - See 4 following.)

PROGRAM IN STATES

4. It is suggested that a group of professional consultants (full or part-time) be secured by the regional office for assistance

in program development in states. Their functions could be to assist in the development of leadership in states and at the community level. It is assumed that the evaluation of states' programs will be completed before the request for a second year's grant from the FFR is made; and that the evaluation will provide a basis for determining the type of assistance required from the central office in order to develop programs consistent with the SRC purpose.

This suggestion implies recognition that the central office is responsible for encouraging, strengthening and developing useful programs in the state; and that in many cases, such programs will be developed only with the assistance and guidance and leadership of the SRC regional staff. If unexpended funds in the account of state organizations are made available to the SRC for its second year's work, without sacrifice in the amount of assistance to states proposed for the second year, these funds should be designated for SRC use in the development of program in states. It is hoped that decisions reached on allocations between central office and state organizations, made at the time FFR grant was received, can be reviewed and revised in the light of developing experience. (See Table 2)

5. It would be useful for the present Negro Director for State Organizations to be maintained on a part-time basis. His responsibility might become the coordination of consultants services and of other efforts to develop leadership and program activity in states.

6. It is suggested that there be a "consultant for liaison." This function might be met by a part-time position and might include responsibilities for development of cooperative relationships with national and regional organizations whose program objectives relate to those of the SRC. The responsibility might also include the selection and distribution of materials from other organizational sources for use by consultants, and by other SRC program groups, (church women, etc.).

7. It is suggested that a main emphasis in the coming year be development of understanding and the initiation of an integrated way of work in states. This may be made possible in a variety of ways, depending upon the state, and upon the nature of its present Board and staff. Continuous evaluation of program and organization in states will be needed in order to determine weakness, and to provide assistance in correcting the weakness revealed. The functions of the regional community consultants might include such evaluation.

CHURCH WOMEN - CHURCH RELATED PROGRAM

It is suggested that work with church women be strengthened through a budget allocation which will permit the planning for meetings of church women in states and adequate travel funds to enable the Secretary for Church

Women to maintain regular contacts with the groups through which she works in behalf of the SRC purpose.

INFORMATION PROGRAM

In order to extend the audience for the SRC point of view through its Information Program, the following suggestions are made:

1. That the staff in the Information Program be increased in order to enable differentiation between editorial and promotion functions. Re-enforced by two additional staff members, the Director of Information could be asked to assume responsibility for development of reports, requests, and other materials needed to provide the SRC Board, foundations and other groups with an over-all interpretation of program efforts. His editorial skills and over-all comprehension of program could serve the SRC well if these responsibilities were thus delegated.

   Two additional staff assistants in the Information Program could then assume responsibility for the functions of (1) fact finding (Position of Information Assistant) and (2) promotion. (The professional staff in the Information Program would thus include four persons.) Designated responsibility and specific attention to expanding circulation of New South and other SRC publications, both within and without the Southern region and within and without the "membership" of state groups, would increase the income from publications as well as expand the usefulness of the information program.

   Additional travel funds allocated to the information program would permit the staff to increase its contacts and cultivate relationships with the press and other media.

In considering all of the suggestions for redefinition of staff responsibility, it is taken for granted that there will be flexibility, and that the competence of available persons will be a major consideration.

It is also taken for granted that the Executive Committee will re-evaluate the role of the SRC in this period and realistically appraise its resources. On the basis of this evaluation and appraisal the functions of the SRC and possible means to fulfill them can be determined.

TABLE 1

ANALYSIS OF ACTUAL EXPENDITURE BY RACE AND FUNCTION — MAY 1, 1954-MAY 31, 1955
CENTRAL OFFICE

FUNCTION	TITLE	Salaries by Race WHITE	NEGRO	CLERICAL	TRAVEL	PRINT. & MATERIALS	OTHER	TOTAL
Adm. Interpretation Fund Raising	Exec.	$10,000		$3,000	$ 700			$13,700.00
Sec. Treas.		4,500		1,000				5,500.00
Special Projects	Menefee	1,733						
	Brewer	724						
	Jones		$ 150					2,607.00
State Org.	Asst.for	7,000	2,285	750	4,516			14,551.00
Program Devel'mt	Asst. for		7,750	750		$ 200		8,700.00
Church Rels. Program	Sec'y.	5,000		750	241		$ 893.00	6,884.00
Information Program	Dir.	7,000		3,050		6,640		
	Ed.Asst.	4,000						
	Infor. Asst.	4,000						24,690.00
All other overhead, etc.							18,060.00	18,060.00
Board					2,000			2,000.00
TOTALS		43,957	10,185	9,300	7,457	6,840	18,953.00	96,692.00

Total Grant for State Org. 1954-55 $158,000
Estimated Expenditure Sept. 30, '55 101,000
Estimated Bal. Sept. 30, 1955 $ 57,000

*Paid - through July 15
**Resv'd - to September 30

TABLE 2

PAYMENTS TO STATE ORGANIZATIONS FROM SRC
ACTUAL JUNE 1954 - JULY 15, 1955 -- ESTIMATED JULY 15, 1955 - SEPT. 30, 1955

NAME	SALARY EX. DIR.	SALARY ASSO. OR CONSULTANTS	SALARY CLERICAL ASSISTANT	S.S.	OPERATING EXPENSES	TOTAL
ALABAMA (Paid*)	$3,958.27	$ $200.00	$1,317.73	$104.67	$3,064.48	
Resv'd**	1,041.73		500.00	30.85		
	5,000.00	200.00	1,817.73	135.52	3,064.48	$10,217.73
ARKANSAS						
Paid	1,249.98	729.17	321.39	45.11	3,103.00	
Resv'd	1,041.65	1,041.65	500.00	51.66		
	2,291.63	1,770.82	821.39	96.77	3,103.00	8,083.61
FLORIDA						
Paid for travel of Board members					592.60	592.60
GEORGIA						
Paid	5,624.91		2,083.31	95.81	1,302.25	
Resv'd	1,041.65		520.82	31.25		
	6,666.56		2,604.13	127.06	1,302.25	10,700.00
KENTUCKY						
Paid	1,874.99	2,600.00	1,600.00	57.00	3,096.36	
Resv'd	1,041.65	1,320.00	500.00	10.00		
	2,916.64	3,920.00	2,100.00	67.00	3,096.36	12,100.00
LOUISIANA						
Paid	5,624.91		1,879.16	291.03	1,800.00	
Resv'd	1,041.65		520.82	31.25		
	$6,666.56		$2,399.98	$322.28	$1,800.00	$11,188.82

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TABLE 2 (continued)

NAME	SALARY EX.DIR.	SALARY ASSO. OR CONSULTANTS	SALARY CLERICAL ASSISTANT	S.S.	OPERATING EXPENSES	TOTAL
MISSISSIPPI						
Paid	$2,291.63		$ 536.86	$ 52.08	$2,044.67	
Resv'd	1,041.65		520.82	31.25		
	3,333.28		1,057.68	83.33	2,044.67	$ 6,518.96
NORTH CAROLINA						
Paid	3,958.33		1,304.17	91.08	3,080.00	
Resv'd	1,041.67		500.00	35.00		
	5,000.00		1,804.17	126.08	3,080.00	10,010.25
SOUTH CAROLINA						
Paid	3,958.27		1,328.05	88.87	3,080.28	
Resv'd	1,041.73		500.00	30.85		
	5,000.00		1,828.05	119.72	3,080.28	10,028.05
TENNESSEE						
Paid		$ 150.00	397.74(O.M.)	8.08	1,509.80	
Resv'd		3,850.00	729.15 "	14.58		
		4,000.00	1,126.89	22.66	1,509.80	
Also paid to Board members for travel and expenses					932.57	7,591.92
TEXAS						
Paid	3,541.61		1,562.48	85.41	2,800.00	
Resv'd	1,041.67		520.83	31.25		
	4,583.28		2,083.31	116.66	2,800.00	9,583.25
VIRGINIA						
Paid	208.33			4.17	1,500.00	
Resv'd	1,041.67	625.00	625.00	45.83		
	1,250.00	625.00	625.00	50.00	1,500.00	
Also paid to Board members for travel and expense of SRC staff in Virginia					634.47	4,684.47
TOTALS	$42,707.95	$10,515.82	$18,268.33	$1,267.08	$28,540.48	$101,299.66

TABLE 3

ANALYSIS OF FUNCTIONS - ESTIMATED COSTS
SRC.- CENTRAL OFFICE - 1955-56, ACTUAL COSTS - MAY 54 - JUNE 55

FUNCTION	TITLE	PROF'L SALARIES	BK.-KP. CLERICAL	TRAVEL	MAT.&/OR PRINTING	CONFER-ENCES	OTHER	TOTAL	TOTAL ESTIMATES
INTERPRETATION & FUND RAISING	Ex.Dir.	$10,000	$ 3,000	$ 700			$ 3,000	$16,700	(16,308) $16,700
GEN. & FISCAL MANAGEMENT	Bus.Mgr.	6,000	3,600					9,600	12,000
			2,400					2,400	(5,500)
INFORMATION PROGRAM				500	7,000			7,500	
	Director	7,000						7,000	
	Ed. Asst.	4,000						4,000	
	Info. "	4,000						4,000	
	Prom. "	4,000						4,000	26,500 (24,690)
PROGRAM IN STATES			3,000	10,000		$13,000		26,000	
	Coordinator	3,750						3,750	
	Consultants	30,000						30,000	
	Asst. for Org.	7,000						7,000	66,750 (14,551)
LIASON & MATERIAL			1,500	500	200			2,200	
	Consultants	3,750						3,750	5,950 (8,700)
CHURCH RELATED PROGRAM			1,500	1,500		5,000		8,000	
	SECRETARY	6,000						6,000	14,000 (6,884)
OVERHEAD							19,000	19,000	19,000 (18,060)
BOARD EXPENSE							2,000	2,000	2,000 (2,000)
TOTAL		$85,500	$15,000	$13,200	$7,200	$18,000	$24,000	162,900	162,900 (96,693)

(Figures in parenthesis are actual figures for 1954-55)

TABLE 4

ESTIMATES OF COSTS AND INCOME IN RELATION TO SRC PROGRAM FUNCTIONS
CENTRAL OFFICE AND IN STATES 1955-56

COSTS		
I. Subsidy to States*		$126,000.00*
II. Central Office		
1. Program development in States	$66,750.00	
2. Information Program	26,500.00	
3. Church Relations Program	14,000.00	
4. Liaison and Materials	5,950.00	
5. Interpretation & Fund Raising	16,700.00	
6. General and fiscal Administration	12,000.00	
7. Overhead	19,000.00	
8. Board and all other	2,000.00	
		162,900.00
Total		$288,900.00
INCOME		
1. Anticipated FFR Assistance		
a. For Program in States*	$126,000.00*	
b. For Central Office	24,000.00	
c. Balance - 1954-55 Grant	57,000.00	
		$207,000.00
2. Balance - Duke and Field Grants	$ 13,804.00	
3. Field Fund Assistance 1956	5,000.00	
		$ 18,804.00
4. Needed from other sources		$ 63,096.00
a. Special Grant for Program Development in States		
b. Other		
Total		$288,900.00

*State organizations have been told that the second year's assistance from the SRC would be as follows:

Salary for Director	$ 5,000.00	
" " Associate	2,500.00	
" " Clerical Asst.	2,500.00	
Toward other costs	500.00	
		$ 10,500.00
In June, 1955, State orgs. were assured an additional..... to permit an equal salary of an associate.	$ 2,500.00	
		$13,000.00

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On the basis of these earlier proposals $156,000.00 would be needed for direct subsidy to twelve states. The amount estimated for direct subsidy assumes a state-by-state appraisal of possibilities for program development consistent with SRC purpose, and assistance from the central office to organize or remedy existing organizational weakness in certain states. With these assumptions, it is estimated that $13,000.00 for direct subsidy will not be needed for all states.

Subsequent discussion was participated in by Mr. Parrish, Mr. Routh, Mr. Dent, Mr. Christopher, Mrs. Tilly, and others.

Dent. Extent to which the Council should influence programs on the state level and the selection of personnel on the state level? Believed that as the grant was to the Southern Regional Council and not to the state organizations, SRC has the responsibility for the program which goes on in the states. SRC can't shirk that responsibility behind the guise of democracy and keeping things at the grass roots level. Has the responsibility for setting up a general program. Re clarification of functions between policy making and administration and whether Executive Committee and Board of Directors are fulfilling responsibility. Does SRC have the staff to administer program when it is properly set up? There is a need for clear distinction between what is policy making function and administrative function which belong to the staff, and it is the first point raised in Mrs. Hamilton's memorandum -- whether we are proceeding properly in good administrative procedure?

Christopher. Inclined to agree with Mr. Dent, but does not know how it is going to be done. Does not know how to get Executive Committee together to come to grips with the problem. Is afraid that some of the things recommended in Mrs. Hamilton's report are not practical in application. Proposals are wonderful, but execution of them is another matter. Need money and time to find and train people. Have got to get Executive Committee together to sit down and talk things through from the beginning, without interruptions and without half of them leaving.

Wright. Suggested that three members of the Executive Committee who were present sit down together and go over Mrs. Hamilton's memorandum.

Dent. It is a staff responsibility to work out program, but it is the responsibility of the Executive Committee to work out policy.

Mitchell. Suggested that Mrs. Hamilton be compensated for work done on her report in the amount of two weeks pay, computed upon the basis of her salary at the time she left the Council.

Dent. Suggested that the Executive Director submit a recommendation re paying Mrs. Hamilton at the next session of the Committee.

Wright. Had the impression that the report was to be prepared during the two or three weeks before the termination of Mrs. Hamilton's employment with the Southern Regional Council.

Dent. The Executive Committee asked for the report and if Mr. Mitchell thinks she should be paid the thing to do is to pay her.

Mitchell. Mrs. Hamilton has a nice orderly mind, but SRC has a disorderly piece of machinery. He would certainly not recommend a sweeping reorganization of the Council. Is satisfied with the pace of change within the staff. Thinks that when funds are available and changes become right and feasible, it becomes a matter of administrative effort to see to it that they are made. In the matter of continuing Mr. Parrish -- he certainly proposed to do so. Many of the things recommended are finding themselves into practice. Have added money to the states' budgets for associates. One of the recommendations is for a series of sub-committees of the Executive Committee. Believes that the Executive Director would be too boxed in, and that it would be pretty hard to do anything. Would strongly object to that. A program committee must consist of persons in and around Atlanta. Does not think a small number of people in a single city should have final policy power over the show. A personnel committee has been in operation for a good long time. It has not laid down criteria, but it has laid down salary scales. Has never assisted any formal move to lay down criteria, just thinks that there is no criterion in the South today as to who is competent to put together a state organization and make it work. Thinks SRC is better off in the state groups for having the attitude of being willing to use native talent that seems to be of high quality, rather than by carefully prescribed standards. In summary, staff and Executive Committee are doing pretty well, and Executive Director would not welcome an injunction laid on him to work more closely with a variety of committees, but would follow the dictates of the Executive Committee.

Discussion turned to implications of Mrs. Hamilton's report on fund-raising, and emphasis was given to the desirability of further cooperation with the states in this matter.

Mr. Dent raised the point that, as set forth in Mrs. Hamilton's report, a disproportionate amount of salary money was going to white personnel as against Negro personnel.

Mitchell. The dates of the preparation of the table are important -- table was prepared May 31st. Secretary-Treasurer has moved into Negro bracket, also newly hired Information Assistant.

Dent. Expressed concern for the total picture, which stacks up quite to SRC's own disliking.

Wright. To what extent does the Executive Director recommend that SRC more nearly arrive at equality?

Mitchell. Mrs. Alexander for Secretary-Treasurer, Miss Irving for Information Assistant, and a vacancy for a $7,500 Program Director balances the figures a great deal.

Mrs. Tilly stated that she had had dreams of having a Negro woman to work with her in the office, but for the moment her first need was for getting more money to bring church women together. Also, there was a need for additional clerical help.

Wright. How much money would be needed to run Mrs. Tilly's department?

Tilly. At least $5,000 to maintain contacts, not only by states but also within the states.

Dent. Wondered if persons in the South are not impressed more by accidental rather than purposeful reading. Not sure that promotional person to expand New South is quite as important as one paragraph in the daily press and newspaper and magazine articles.

Fleming. New South's audience is highly selective -- people who can use the kind of material it contains. Agrees with Dent that there is much better audience through mass media; wonders whether full-time promotion person to uncover mass audience for New South would not be a very great luxury.

Final meeting convened at approximately 9:00 a.m., August 18th, in the Blue Room of the Mammoth Cave Hotel. Present were: Mr. Wright, Mr. Christopher, Mr. Dent, Mr. Griffin, Mrs. Tilly, Mr. Parrish, Mrs. Alexander, Mr. Fleming, Mr. Mitchell, Mr. Constable, Mr. Routh, Elizabeth Brantley.

Mr. Wright took the position that the Executive Director is a member of the Committee ex-officio, and that as the by-laws did not specifically prohibit his being counted as a member of the quorum, it could be taken that his presence provided the fifth member for a quorum. But he said that efforts should be made to get approval, of any actions taken by the meeting, of some additional member of the Executive Committee.

In order to make doubly sure the existence of a quorum, at the instance of those full members of the Committee who were present at Mammoth Cave, Mr. John Constable was asked to review with Mrs. Cassandra Maxwell Birnie, a member of the Committee who had been unable to attend, all major actions. Mrs. Birnie, on August 31st, wrote the Executive Director, "This letter, in addition to my letter to you of August 26th, last, will serve as my answer to the poll of the members of the Executive Committee, and my approval of all actions taken at the Mammoth Cave meeting of the Executive Committee."

Wright. Executive Session of the Committee would make such decisions as it thought should be made in view of Mrs. Hamilton's report.

Griffin. It is of critical importance to get further involvement of members of the Board.

Wright. If, when the Executive Director makes his report of activities to members of the Board he would invite those members to make criticisms or suggestions as to what further actions might be taken, a member who did not

avail himself of the opportunity to criticize or express his opinions could not consider that he had been deprived of his right as a member of the Board.

Mitchell. On Mrs. Hamilton's being paid for her work on the report, recommended the sum of $350, as the best information he had is that it took about two weeks to complete the report.

PROPOSAL TO THE FUND FOR THE REPUBLIC

The Executive Director read the tentative draft of a letter to the Fund for the Republic, asking for continuance of grant in the coming fiscal year. The final letter was as follows:

August 19, 1955

Mr. David Freeman
The Fund for the Republic, Inc.
60 East Forty-Second Street
New York 17, New York

Dear Mr. Freeman:

This is the request from the Southern Regional Council for continuance of aid from the Fund for the Republic for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 1955.

The letter of grant dated April 2, 1954, in referring to periods after the first eighteen months, reads:

> "The Fund will give consideration to requests for a grant in 1955-56 of not to exceed $150,000 and a grant in 1956-57 of not to exceed $110,000. There is no commitment or intention on the part of the Fund to support the program of the Council after September 30, 1957."

Our letter of March 15, 1954, envisioned a total sum available from the Fund for the Republic for the twelve months October 1, 1955 - September 30, 1956, of $22,847.50 for the central office of SRC and $125,433 for aid to the state programs. We would hope that these figures, particularly the $22,847.50, will be rounded upward.

As to financing the state programs, we are content with the amount just set out. For the typical state, that means aid from the second year's grant of about $10,500 with about $3,500 to be raised by each state organization. The longer organized state groups should be able to raise the needed amount without too great strain. The newer ones, staffed within the last few months, will find it harder. But the Fund for the Republic has materially eased the task for them by the terms of your letter

of May 25, 1955, enabling the carry-over to the state programs, under given restrictions, of some of the 1954-55 allocations for state programs unused (by reason of late starts with staff) in the current fiscal period. We feel satisfied that the twelve state organizations we have going will be able to continue as planned in the fiscal year 1955-56.

On the central office, we foresee problems, and ask for some further help, over and above that forecast in the original letter of grant.

The Southern Regional Council originally requested help from the Ford Foundation in May, 1951, after, of course, many months of careful preparation of the proposal. There seemed then to be time enough before any crisis period would be upon the South the organize in advance twelve state movements, and get them in condition to carry corrective program when the anticipated strain of desegregation, in various forms, would be upon the South. Generous as was the grant from the Fund for the Republic, its actual date was April, 1954, and the crucial decision of the U. S. Supreme Court on the matter of the public schools came in the next month. The grant perforce had to be trimmed to what seemed the smallest possible amount for getting state organizations going. Specifically, in an effort to flow into the states the maximum of funds for their needs, we agreed to a minimal central office, deemed by us, and I suppose by your own staff, only barely enough to let us go out and organize twelve state movements and give them safe administrative supervision from a central office in Atlanta. Proceeding in the terms of the 1951 request, we were hoping that such a minimal supervisory office would be enough.

In actual fact, history has telescoped the need for supervision of a field organization and the need for rapid training of the field staffs in program looking toward desegregation. The two needs have run concurrently, and will do so for the second grant period, and to some degree probably for the third. Yet we in the central office have only sufficient funds for a routine administrative program, and cannot, under present circumstances, pay for the leadership, detailed instruction, and implementing guidance which the state organizations urgently need.

An obvious answer would be "if you need more, go out and raise it." We are committed already to raising by our own efforts, independently of the Fund for the Republic, $55,000 in the second grant period and that is quite as much as we can realistically undertake.

The Southern Regional Council is the only Southwide organization, having interracial policy-making bodies at the regional level and in the twelve states, helping with the problem of adjustment to the Supreme Court decision on the schools. These state boards consider problems, assess resources and their application to the problems, guide the staff, raise funds and work for improved human relations in their areas. How well they fill these functions is terribly important, not only to SRC's program, but to the success or failure of the South's adjustment to social change.

The people who make up these boards are not skilled technicians of social change; they are laymen and women of good will who believe in democracy. To the extent that we can increase their sensitivity to problems, their understanding of possible action, and their skill in relating to professional staff we will have increased the probability of success. What is proposed then is an adequate training program for these all-important and unique lay boards; a service which the central office cannot compass with only its present staff.

The device for work in this matter with state board people will be self-analysis, by way of evaluation conferences, by such state board people in company with the Program Director of SRC and several of the proposed special consultants. Such conferences should be held in each of the twelve states at least once in the coming fiscal year, and twice in six of the states. Total such evaluation and training conferences, eighteen.

In addition to program work of this kind with the state boards, the Southern Regional Council should call in to training and program review meetings twice each year the principal staff persons (usually two) from each state.

The entire training program should be coordinated by a Program Director travelling from the Atlanta office, and suitably underpinned with clerical help.

The bulk of the training work, both for the state boards and for state staff, would be carried by special consultants, appointed by the central office. They would number from three to six. They would be well versed in community relations and would have experience and skill in processes of desegregation. Examples:

Dr. Bonita Valien, Fisk University, Nashville, Tennessee
Dr. Mozell Hill, Atlanta University, Georgia
Dr. Hylan Lewis, Atlanta University, Georgia
Dr. Harry Walker, Howard University, Washington, D. C.
Dr. Lewis Killian, Florida State University, Tallahassee
Dr. Dan Dodson, New York University Center for Human Relations
Dr. G. D. Wilson, Kentucky State College, Frankfort, Kentucky
Dr. Miller Ritchie, President, Hartwick College, Oneonta, N.Y.
(Floridian, long in charge of the Department of Human Relations, University of Miami)

They should draw $50 a working day, plus travel at about $100 a trip. About three such consultants would be used for each training or program review meeting.

The growth of the work in the central office, including undertaking the training effort, makes it highly desirable to add to the Atlanta staff an administrative assistant to the Executive Director. He would be an office manager, would have charge of budgets, and would give answers to field inquiries within agreed policy. The services of such an assistant will release the Executive Director for more policy and program work.

A small sum should be available to meet occasional travel costs of state board people, and for contingencies in the development of the program. A moderate allowance is made for space, supplies, and telephone and telegraph.

The figures for this implementation program are these:

Program Director	$ 7,500	
Administrative Assistant to the Executive Director	6,000	
Clerical	6,000	
Social Security	470	
Travel, Program Director	2,000	
Consultants' Fees	4,000	
Travel of Consultants 50 trips @ $100	5,000	
Training meetings of state staff	5,000	
Travel of an occasionsl state board member, and contingencies	3,000	
Supplies, space	500	
Telephone and Telegraph	800	
Total		$ 40,270
Less, unspent balance of 1954-55 allocation for states		10,000
Sum requested for implementation program		$ 30,270

Here is a summary of our total request for 1955-56.

Estimated Cost of proposed additional services to state organizations	$40,270	
Unspent balance 1954-55 state funds to be applied	10,000	
Proposed increase of grant	$30,270	$ 30,270
Regular request for renewal		
Central Office	$ 25,000	
State Organizations	125,433	
Total	$150,433	$150,433
GRAND TOTAL		$180,703

We do not burden this letter with an account of our stewardship for the first grant period now coming to an end. We have reported in detail for each quarter, and your staff is familiar, from its own travel, with our successes and our shortcomings. In addition, full audit reports

have been filed for each quarter, and another audit, with an eighteen months summary for the first grant period, will be filed shortly after September 30, 1955.

Sincerely,

/s/
George S. Mitchell

GSM/eab
Encl [carried below in full]

NOTE ON FUND-RAISING 1954-55

The Southern Regional Council for its central office has raised as of August 11, 1955, independently of the grant from the Fund for the Republic approximately $47,000. If certain subscription payments from SRC's state organizations to the central office be allowed as funds raised by the central office, the amount raised by August 11th will be raised to $49,000. But these same payments are considered in the first instance as sums raised by the states toward the amount which each state must raise in order to qualify for assistance from SRC in SRC's second fiscal period.

As of August 11, 1955, the degree of success by the state organizations in raising their pro rata amounts, independently of grants to them from SRC, was approximately as follows. The word "approximate" is used as figures are taken from state reports without as yet advantage of audit.

The column "to raise" means the sum specified by SRC as the amount for each state to raise. The modal figure, it will be recalled, was $1800 based on the assumption that each state would begin with staff October 1, 1954, and continue thus to the end of the fiscal year. In cases where the quota set by SRC exceeds $1800, staff was taken on earlier than October 1st in the states, and we have required that staff employed prior to October 1, 1954, be paid for by the states. In some instances, also, the modal quota of $1800 is increased by reason of salaries higher than the $5,000 which SRC was able to provide for principal staff personnel.

Sums markedly less than $1800 are calculated on a pro rata basis month for month of operation with staff. Thus six months of operation with staff yields a quota of six-twelfths of $1800; two months of operation with staff yields a quota of two-twelfths of $1800 (plus in some instances, increases in pro rata quota by reason of higher salary payments at the instance of state programs).

UNAUDITED REPORT ON STATE MONEY-RAISING
August 11, 1955

STATE	BEGAN WITH STAFF	TO RAISE	JULY 31 HAD RAISED
Alabama	October 1, 1954	$1800	$1600
Arkansas	April 15, 1955	825	150
Georgia	June 1, 1954	2400	3536
Kentucky	November 1, 1954	1650	702
Louisiana	June 1, 1954	3000	2650
Mississippi	January 1, 1955	1350	600
North Carolina	October 1, 1954	2800	1000
South Carolina	October 1, 1954	1800	1200
Tennessee	June 1, 1955	700	170
Texas	November 1, 1954	1690	1790
Virginia	July 15, 1955	825	--
Florida	August 16, 1955	350	--

The Southern Regional Council is confident that all, or virtually all, of the states will meet their quota by or before September 30, 1955. All states were notified in the beginning, and renotified months ago of the amounts of their quotas and of the firm requirement that they be raised. In addition, the Executive Committee of the Southern Regional Council, meeting August 16, 17, and 18, 1955, resolved that states failing to raise their quota would receive no assistance in the coming fiscal year until they had met their past as well as current fund-raising obligation.

Subsequent discussion elaborated the functions and duties of an administrative assistant;raised the proposed compensation of consultants from a first-suggested $25.00 to $50.00; provided additional funds on supplies and communications; and at various points improved the language of the presentation.

Wright. Would like to see another paragraph added re having in mind in the near future to submit proposals for other projects.

Mitchell. Strongly urged that this not be done. On the success or failure of the request depends SRC's whole financial setup.

Wright. If, within a few days, we would submit to them proposals which they have invited, wouldn't you advise that it be done?

Mitchell. Thought it was agreed that proper procedure was not to include awards proposal in this letter.

Dent. Agreed with the position that awards proposal should not be included in letter of request. When it gets to presentation before the Fund for the Republic Board, they also have a limitation of funds. It would be

better to submit request for grant as "this is what we want," and other proposals as "this is what we would like to have."

Wright. Agreed.

Mitchell. It seems to me well if the letter bore not only my signature, but also the signature of Mr. Wright and Mr. Clement. He had drafted a forwarding letter which would cover that function.

This was read and accepted by the Committee.

Mitchell. In the budget which was set out tentatively yesterday, the salary of an administrative assistant was listed at $5,000, but it should be $6,500.

Wright. Does not know if at all possible to amend general letter with idea he has in mind. Should have a very substantial item in the general budget for contingencies. Should have a task force of two or three people to go to communities where friction may develop. The Fund for the Republic might respond to the idea of a fairly large contingency.

Parrish. Already have an item for associate directors in the states. There is a possibility of some difficulty in hiring associates, and there may be some unused funds in the allotment at the end of the coming year. Has any arrangement been made for using the funds for other purposes?

Mitchell. Believes the thing to do is to feed consultants into the state organizations.

Wright. Does SRC have discretion as to use of funds set aside for associate directors?

Mitchell. Certainly has discretion from Fund for Negro personnel in the states. Would not divert it to white persons or to other purposes.

Fleming. The spirit of the thing was to enable states to use fully integrated staff.

Dent. Fund for the Republic should agree with any adjustments which are made by the Executive Director and approved by the Executive Committee.

Mitchell. We have one untouchable allocation; namely the distribution as between central office and state funds. Has never been constrained to any stated allocation as between states, just the difference between central office money and state money.

Griffin. Use of consultants. Haven't talked enough about the Council's being in position to do any kind of fact-gathering and research; some of the consultants indeed may be used to prepare training materials.

Mitchell. To put that in the request would weaken it.

Dent. Dependent upon the states having to raise $1800 this year, they lose $10,000 for the next year. If they can't raise $1800 in order to get $10,000 he would just as soon see the operation closed.

Upon motion it was agreed that any state which, at September 30, 1955, has not raised its agreed pro rata quota would have its assistance cut off until it meets its first year and current requirements.

Wright. Should try to keep a little leeway in that.

Mitchell. Along about April, '55 wrote a letter to chairmen of each state organization about the amount a particular state had to raise.

Dent. Motion makes it desirable for the Executive Director to send a letter to each state Executive Director on the necessity for meeting terms of the Fund for the Republic grant.

Upon motion, the letter to the Fund for the Republic requesting continuance of aid to SRC was unanimously approved.

Discussion turned to fund-raising in the states. Mr. Dent spoke of a considerable weakening of the work of the former New Orleans Committee on Race Relations after the establishment of the Louisiana Council on Human Relations.

PROGRAM PROPOSALS

Mr. Fleming stated that in his personal capacity as a friend of one Adam Yarmolinsky, employed by the Fund for the Republic in matters pertaining to legal profession, he, Fleming, had been consulted as to a proposal in preparation for a legal reporting service fashioned in some sense after the work of the Southern Education Reporting Service in Nashville. Mr. Wright had been consulted as an interested lawyer, and had written in that he thought such a program should be put forward as an official proposal from the Southern Regional Council.

Wright. Ideal administrative setup would be a director and an editorial board of Southern law professors from several institutions, including Negro professors of law. Service would be less likely to fall under the curse of outside interference if it were coordinated by a Southern agency (such as SRC), than if it were directly run by the FFR.

Fleming. Had some word that negotiations had been entered into with the Vanderbilt Law School.

Wright. Would SRC care to submit proposals to Ford people?

Fleming. Personal view -- Fund for the Republic is very eager to set up something that would be unassailable from the point of view of the profession. They are also eager to set up a service which will not be unduly vulnerable to charges of bias, in that they are trying to reach attorneys of all persuasions.

Wright. If SRC were approached, would it be well-advised to accept?

Mitchell. Bad social policy. Thinks the lawyers ought to do it on their own. Believed it hopeless to persuade FFR to stake SRC to it, and that the Board of the Fund for the Republic is going to look in another direction.

Dent. Most SRC would do in such a service is to serve as a fiscal agent. Believed that it would be necessary to go outside SRC for actual work of service. Would rather see SRC do it than not have it done at all.

Upon motion it was unanimously agreed that the Executive Committee approved the proposal (though not necessarily the exact language) with regard to awards to communities for desegregation progress, and urged the Executive Director to carry through on it.

Upon motion it was unanimously agreed that if the opportunity is presented to the Southern Regional Council to sponsor a legal reporting service, the Executive Director is authorized to set it up.

The Executive Director referred to another recommendation from Mr. Wright that an early article for New South catalogue and describe the cost of legal services state by state in combating the public school desegregation law suits. Discussion revealed that while this would not be an easy article to get together, by common consent it would be an extremely useful one.

There being no further business before the present session, the Executive Committee adjourned into an Executive Session, at the conclusion of which the President, Mr. Wright, prepared the following summary of actions in Executive Session.

1. It was moved and carried that the Secretary-Treasurer forward to Mrs. Grace Towns Hamilton the Council's check in the amount of $350, in compensation for her services in the thorough and painstaking report which she had prepared, and which was widely discussed at this meeting. In addition, the President was directed to express to Mrs. Hamilton the Council's appreciation of her services in this regard. This action was pursuant to the recommendation of the Executive Director.

2. It was moved and carried that the sense of the Executive Committee was that the office of Administrative Assistant was vital to the success of the Council's program; that this office should be filled without regard to the action taken by the Fund for the Republic on the Council's application, this day approved; and that the Personnel Committee should immediately prepare a job analysis for the position and attempt to fill it by October 1, 1955.

3. It was declared to be the sense of the Committee that, once the budget was adopted, there should be no reallocation of funds within the budget without the approval of the Executive Committee and no commitment or proposal for use of any of such funds otherwise than as stated in the budget without the approval in advance of the Executive Committee.

4. It was declared to be the sense of the Committee that at future meetings, only the members of the Executive Committee (including the Executive Director), should be present with the qualification that the Committee reserves the right to invite the attendance of any staff member for the purpose of making a report upon his or her activities or for such other purposes as the Executive Committee may determine.

5. The Executive Director was requested, as promptly as possible, to notify the Executive Committee of meeting dates for the ensuing year, in order that conflicting engagements may not be entered into.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, THE MEETING ADJOURNED.

GSM/eab
9/15/55

FILE COPY

Atlanta, Georgia
October 12, 1955

Dr. George S. Mitchell
Executive Director
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Sir:

An examination has been made of the books and records of the Southern Regional Council, Inc., for the period of July 1, 1955 to September 30, 1955.

The following Exhibits and Schedules, togehter with comments, are submitted herewith:

Exhibit - A	Balance Sheet, September 30, 1955
Exhibit - B	Statement of Receipts and Disbursements, Central Office
Exhibit - C	Statement of Receipts and Disbursements, State Organizations
Schedule- 1	Accounts Payable, September 30, 1955
Schedule- 2	Bank Reconciliation - First National Bank, September 30, 1955
Schedule- 3	Bank Reconciliation - Citizens Trust Company, September 30, 1955

COMMENTS

Cash In Bank - Central Office - $3,022.57

Cash In Bank - State Organizations - $1,565.12

All recorded receipts were traced to bank deposit statements a and disbursements were compared with cancelled checks. Bank balances at September 30, 1955 were confirmed by the respective banks.

Savings Account - $60,000.00

Savings certificates have been turned in to the bank for redemption. These will be cashed by the bank on November 7, 1955.

Accrued Payroll Taxes - $1,861.49

This represents withholding taxes and social security taxes for both the Central Office and State Organizations for September, 1955.

Surplus - $62,074.36

The decrease from June 30, 1955 of $3,930.00 represents an excess of expenditures over receipts for the quarter.

In our opinion, the attached statements reflect fairly the financial condition at September 30, 1955 and results of operations for the three months ended September 30, 1955 of the Southern Regional Council, Inc.

Respectfully,

L. E. Campbell, C.P.A.

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Southern Regional Council, Inc.
Atlanta, Georgia

Balance Sheet

September 30, 1955

ASSETS

Cash In Bank - Central Office	$ 3,022.57	
Cash In Bank - State Organizations	1,565.12	
Savings Accounts	60,000.00	
Inventory - Pamphlets	250.00	
		$ 64,837.69

LIABILITIES

Accounts Payable (Sch. 1)		$ 543.71	
Accrued Payroll Taxes		1,861.49	
Due to Special Projects			
Commission on Equal Penalties	$ 341.07		
Fellowship of the Concerned	15.89	356.96	
Georgia Sales Tax		1.17	
Total Liabilities			$ 2,763.33

NET WORTH

Surplus, September 30, 1955	$ 62,074.36
Total Liabilities and Net Worth	$ 64,837.69

EXHIBIT A

Southern Regional Council, Inc.
Atlanta, Georgia

Statement of Receipts and Disbursements - Central Office
July 1, 1955 to September 30, 1955

RECEIPTS

Balance, July 1, 1955		$ 28,022.94
Contributions:		
Individuals	$ 1,474.00	
Churches	1,575.00	
Members Dues	40.00	
New South Subscriptions	1,071.50	
Sale of Literature	270.25	
Honoraria	986.38	5,417.13
Total Receipts		$ 33,440.07

DISBURSEMENTS

Salaries	$13,134.32	
Rent	350.00	
Travel	2,814.83	
Printing	2,666.86	
Telephone & Telegraph	676.17	
Postage	334.31	
O.A.B. Taxes	241.83	
Georgia Sales Tax	2.36	
Bank Charges	.10	
Accounting Fees	260.00	
Books & Magazines	118.48	
Executive Committee Meetings	605.30	
Office Equipment	114.18	
Office Supplies	368.99	
Consultants Fees	90.00	
Special Services	82.00	
Miscellaneous	104.77	
State Division Refunds	103.00	
Transfer to Citizens Trust Co.	8,350.00	$ 30,417.50
Balance, September 30, 1955		3,022.57
Represented by:		
First National Bank	$ 3,022.57	

EXHIBIT B

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC.
Atlanta, Georgia

Statement of Receipts and Disbursements
State Organizations
July 1, 1955 to September 30, 1955

RECEIPTS

Balance, July 1, 1955		$ 8,672.00
Transfer from Central Office	$ 8,350.00	
Interest Earned	187.50	
Transfer from Savings	25,000.00	33,537.50
Total Receipts		$ 42,209.50

DISBURSEMENTS

State Organizations:			
Salaries	$23,414.04		
Consultants Fees	2,590.00		
Local Expenses	9,202.78		
Social Security Tax-Expense	431.98	$35,638.80	
Items Chargeable Against Unallocated State Funds:			
Fisk Institute	2,236.64		
Legal Expense	572.16		
Atlanta University Conference	826.92		
Report to Executive Committee by Asst. Director for Program	350.00		
American Friends Service Committee	750.00	4,735.72	
Special Projects:			
Fellowship of the Concerned		269.86	
Total Disbursements			40,644.38
Balance, September 30, 1955			$ 1,565.12

Represented by:
Citizens Trust Company $1,565.12

EXHIBIT C

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC.
Atlanta, Georgia

Accounts Payable as of September 30, 1955

Hertz Stations, Inc.	$ 11.84
Remmington Rand	31.52
Marion A. Wright	23.50
U-Drive-It Auto Co.	8.12
Belle Isle U-Drive-It	21.67
Burrelle's Press Clipping Service	15.00
Southern Rotaprinting Co.	15.45
Western Union	11.63
Southern Bell Tel Co.	130.53
Eastern Air Lines	274.45
	$543.71

SCHEDULE 1

Southern Regional Council, Inc.
Atlanta, Georgia

Bank Reconciliation Statement - First National Bank, Atlanta, Ga.

September 30, 1955

Balance, per bank statement		$ 4,891.25
Deduct outstanding checks		
Number	Amount	
7014	$ 7.79	
7118	5.00	
119	42.30	
121	362.87	
122	253.56	
123	243.56	
124	177.26	
125	104.80	
127	143.43	
128	138.43	
129	94.95	
130	94.95	
131	30.14	
132	1.00	
134	6.08	
135	8.59	
136	15.84	
137	19.94	
138	4.80	
139	3.09	
140	65.00	
141	41.20	
142	4.10	$ 1,868.68
Balance, per books, September 30, 1955		$ 3,022.57

SCHEDULE 2

Southern Regional Council, Inc.
Atlanta, Georgia

Bank Reconciliation Statement - Citizens Trust Co., Atlanta, Ga.
September 30, 1955

Balance, per bank statement, September 30, 1955 $ 9,491.79

Deduct checks outstanding:

Number	Amount
1832	$ 8.40
1962	7.20
2044	35.84
2162	1,074.25
2165	750.00
2171	111.05
2206	25.00
7	349.33
8	14.42
9	927.52
10	182.26
11	84.80
12	182.26
13	172.26
14	115.79
15	177.26
16	93.19
17	186.43
18	84.80
19	177.26
20	172.26
21	88.19
22	102.09
23	88.19
24	224.10
25	89.80
26	177.26
27	79.80
28	182.26
29	204.16
30	102.09
31	142.91
32	187.26
33	85.27
34	44.00
35	192.26
36	177.26
37	88.19
38	190.00
39	140.00
40	110.00
41	30.00
42	30.00
43	30.00

Bank Reconciliation Statement - Citizens Trust Co., Atlanta, Ga. (Cont'd)
September 30, 1955

Number	Amount	
2244	$ 30.00	
45	30.00	
48	120.00	
49	30.00	7,926.67

Balance, per books, September 30, 1955 $ 1,565.12

SCHEDULE 3

Atlanta, Georgia
October 25, 1955

Dr. George S. Mitchell,
Executive Director
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Sir:

In accordance with your request, the following statements are attached:

Exhibit A - Statement of Receipts - Central Office, April 1, 1954 to September 30, 1955
Exhibit B - Statement of Disbursements, Central Office, April 1, 1954 to September 30, 1955

These statements cover the operations of the Central Office for the eighteen month period since the original grant by the Fund for the Republic.

Exhibit A indicates that substantially more than the agreed $40,000.00 was secured during the period under review.

As of September 30, 1955, twelve state organizations are in operation.

L. E. Campbell, C.P.A.

Southern Regional Council, Inc.
Atlanta, Georgia

Statement of Receipts - Central Office
April 1, 1954 to September 30, 1955

	4/1/54 to 12/31/54	1/1/55 to 9/30/55	Total
Contributions:			
Individuals	$ 795.04	$ 2,838.00	$ 3,633.04
Organizations	2,073.26	3,975.00	6,048.26
Churches	2,570.00	3,695.00	6,265.00
Foundations	1,810.00	18,350.00	20,160.00
Dues	1,094.00	311.00	1,405.00
New South Subscriptions	393.13	3,210.50	3,603.63
Sale of Literature	2,776.74	2,204.76	4,981.50
Honoraria	1,005.63	1,521.38	2,527.01
Interest Income	33.33	2,543.83	2,577.16
State Divisions	560.50	37.00	597.50
Totals	$13,111.63	$38,686.47	$51,798.10
Fund for the Republic			80,200.00 *
			$131,998.10

EXHIBIT A

Southern Regional Council, Inc.
Atlanta, Georgia

Statement of Disbursements - Central Office

	4/1/54 to 12/31/54	1/1/55 to 9/30/55	Total
Salaries Paid	$ 35,678.33	$ 40,484.86	$ 76,163.19
Rent	1,020.00	980.00	2,000.00
Travel	5,811.80	5,695.40	11,507.20
Telephone & Telegraph	1,120.89	1,529.87	2,650.76
Postage	672.35	1,262,80	1,935.15
S. S. Taxes	442.01	586.59	1,028.60
Annual Meeting Expenses	1,473.88	1,211.50	2,685.38
State Divisions	823.00	116.00	939.00
Office Equipment	719.60	528.70	1,248.30
Office Alterations	1,680.24		1,680.24
Office Supplies	1,249.01	1,231.34	2,480.35
Consultants Fees	482.10	1,049.50	1,531.60
Accounting & Legal	110.00	410.00	520.00
Printing	6,387.73	6,891.77	13,279.50
Insurance	749.58		749.58
Bank Charges	5.25	2.15	7.40
Georgia Sales Tax	15.55	15.13	30.68
1953 Accounts Payable	590.73		590.73
Williamsburg Conference	2,768.01		2,768.01
Books & Magazines	224.67	634.05	858.72
Human Relations Study	600.00		600.00
Miscellaneous	513.92	131.05	644.97
1954 Accounts Payable		502.47	502.47
Special Services		480.47	480.47
	$ 63,138.65	$ 63,743.65	$126,882.30

EXHIBIT B

Southern [redacted] ll, Inc.

63 AUBURN [redacted] 3, GEORGIA

Ruth —

I took care of this for

GSM —

FBR

August 29, 1955
(Dictated August 19)

M E M O R A N D U M

TO: RA

FROM: GSM

The Executive Committee, when they went into Executive Session August 18th, decided that they wished to meet next during the last half of October, 1955. The discussion showed that they preferred that we set a fixed date and not circularize for preference choices.

At the same time that we give notice of that meeting, they would like for all members of the Executive Committee to receive a schedule of dates for remaining meetings of the Executive Committee during the period from November, 1955 through the period terminating with the Board meeting in 1956.

Will you prepare a tentative schedule and let me see it?

They would like some of the meetings of the Executive Committee to be at points other than Atlanta. Specifically, they did not ask that the places be scheduled ahead, but I think it would facilitate matters for everyone if we suggested certain other places for some particular ones of the forthcoming about-to-be-scheduled-a-year-ahead-meetings.

I suggest one to be at the Mountain View Hotel at Gatlinburg, preferably in off-season time. Another might be at Dillard University at New Orleans.

GSM/eab

cc: RA

September 23, 1955

Mr. Robert Weaver
The John Hay Whitney Foundation
630 Fifth Avenue
New York 20, New York

Dear Mr. Weaver:

The Southern Regional Council requests the John Hay Whitney Foundation to make a grant to it for the calendar year 1956 for the work with church women, in the sum of $4,000.

The Foundation and its principals have been generous to us in the past, and so far as I recall we have always used your help for the work with the church women.

I have reported to Dr. Charles Johnson, in a letter of March 2, 1955, on a Southwide meeting of church women which Mrs. Tilly held in Atlanta, February 24 and 25, 1955. I enclose a couple of copies of a small mimeographed bulletin which resulted from that meeting and which Mrs. Tilly has called "Gleanings." The report has its choppy spots, but it obviously reflects the sincere purpose which the women had.

Mrs. Tilly has followed that meeting with similar gatherings of the women from each of six states:

South Carolina. A planning meeting only, of a dozen women from four denominations, the YWCA, and the State Council of Church Women. July.

Louisiana. Really a New Orleans meeting, though there were a few from up-state. Over 200 present, representing seventeen groups. June.

Alabama. About a hundred, from all over the state. The first time in the history of Alabama church women that the white and Negro women had met together.

Georgia. Two meetings, the second in September, an outgrowth of the first in May. The first one mainly got out the facts, and the second (a retreat) gave opportunity to to consider more deeply the religious implications.

Florida. Proceeding as this is written.

Mississippi. Four separate locality meetings. Spring of '55.

Mrs. Tilly travelled out to each meeting, but depended upon her state people to do the work of getting the meeting together.

Again, in each of these state meetings the women laid plans for action, within religious purpose, toward compliance with the Supreme Court's decision.

Other such meetings should be held in Texas, North Carolina, and perhaps Tennessee and Arkansas. Also in 1956 each of the states in which meetings have been held this year should have their women called together again.

The Southern Regional Council has held to the view that the friendly link which it has so long had with the principal organizations of church women in the South ought not to be made to carry a high-powered and expensive program. The women in the local communities are moved by churchly conscience, and that is the precious thing. If we artfully substituted a pressure from outside, it would be resented and it would be far less effective than what now comes welling up from within the conscience of local people. In pursuit of that idea, we have been parsimonious not to say chinchy in what we have put into operation. The Fellowship of the Concerned, which, as you know, coordinates this effort, continues to be an organization without officers or staff. Mrs. Tilly receives a by no means magnificent salary from us. We have been affording her, if you please, for each of these state meetings, the noble sum of $200, and the reason for even that sum is that church women's organizations on a state or district basis have almost no money of which they can dispose on their own. Our little $200 goes into paying the travel expense of the women from over the state to some central point. Confront, if you please, the task of organizing such a meeting in Texas on $200!

It has taken about a thousand dollars in each recent year for a single Southwide meeting -- the thousand dollars which the John Hay Whitney Foundation has so kindly made available. There should be more to enable state meetings to be held. If the John Hay Whitney Foundation could find us $4,000 next year, there would be enough for a Southwide meeting costing $1,000, and three thousand dollars toward the meetings that should be held in about ten Southern states in 1956. We can and will put in a little money from other sources ourselves.

No need to argue the importance at this juncture in the South of a firmer stand by people with religious convictions. Here is an arrangement which for years of history can produce, natively, considerable firming of the stand. I do greatly hope the Foundation, generous in the past, will care to increase its aid for this work in this critical year.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encls.

Southern Regional Council, Inc.
Atlanta, Georgia

Statement of Receipts - Central Office
April 1, 1954 to September 30, 1955

	4/1/54 to 12/31/54	1/1/55 to 9/30/55	Total
Contributions:			
Individuals	$ 795.04	$ 2,838.00	$ 3,633.04
Organizations	2,073.26	3,975.00	6,048.26
Churches	2,570.00	3,695.00	6,265.00
Foundations	1,810.00	18,350.00	20,160.00
Dues	1,094.00	311.00	1,405.00
New South Subscriptions	393.13	3,210.50	3,603.63
Sale of Literature	2,776.74	2,204.76	4,981.50
Honoraria	1,005.63	1,521.38	2,527.01
Interest Income	33.33	2,543.83	2,577.16
State Divisions	560.50	37.00	597.50
Totals	$13,111.63	$38,686.47	$51,798.10
Fund for the Republic			80,200.00
			$131,998.10

EXHIBIT A

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

October 28-29, 1955

Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Mr. Rufus E. Clement, Chairman, presiding

AGENDA

Minutes of previous meeting

Report of Executive Director

Report of Secretary-Treasurer

Attacks on SRC

Program needs and means

Amendments to By-laws

Report on resignations from Board

Finance Committee of Board

Action if any for 1956 contributions by Executive Committee

Confirmation of secretary-treasurer and action on her salary

Executive Committee's nominations (2) to 1956 Nominating Committee

Budget for 1955-56

Other business

Adjournment

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December 22, 1955

Mr. George Mitchell
Southern Regional Council
63 Auburn Avenue, N.E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Mr. Mitchell:

Thank you for your return wire of yesterday. Please send us by return mail

50 copies NEW SOUTH, September 1955 at $7.50

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Sincerely yours,

Lewis H. Deer, National Director
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SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC.
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

January 20-21, 1956

Wesley Memorial Building
Atlanta, Georgia

AGENDA

January 20

Friday Afternoon, 2:00 P. M. (Church Parlor, 2nd Floor)

Invocation

Executive Session

Minutes of previous meeting

Reports of Executive Director and other staff persons

Assessment of position

Board Membership

Finance Committee

Place for future meetings of Executive Committee

Matter of possible libel suits

Budget for 1st Quarter of 1955-56 year

Action on budget for next Quarter

Friday Evening, 7:30 P. M. (Church Parlor, 2nd Floor)

and Directors

Executive Session

General Policy

Plans for Post 1957 period

January 21

Saturday Morning, 9:30 A. M. (Room 108)

Mrs. Tilly available

Discussion by Frank Loescher of his travels

Action on funds to be raised

Other business

Executive Session

Adjournment

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL

PROPOSED BUDGET

For fiscal year - October 1, 1955 - September 30, 1956; and comparison with actual expenditures for 12 month period September 1, 1954 - August 31, 1955.

CENTRAL OFFICE ONLY

EXPENSES:	ACTUAL 1954 - 1955	PROPOSED 1955 - 1956
Salaries Central Office	$ 57,404.94	$ 61,600.00
Social Security Tax	760.57	800.00
Travel	6,945.15	7,500.00
Printing	10,528.10	8,500.00
Rent	1,335.00	1,680.00
Telephone & Telegraph	1,813.01	2,500.00
Postage	1,378.17	2,000.00
Books & Subscriptions	905.99	300.00
Accounting Fees	420.00	500.00
Insurance & Misc. Expense	170.51	300.00
Office Supplies	4,807.58	2,900.00
Annual Meeting Expense	2,663.42	2,000.00
Special Meetings in Connection with Women's Work	893.37	2,500.00
Manuscript on Cotton Tenancy	150.00	
TOTAL	$ 90,175.81	$ 93,080.00

ADMINISTRATION AND OVERHEAD	ACTUAL 1954 - 1955	PROPOSED 1955 - 1956
Salary, Executive Director	$ 10,000.00	$ 10,000.00
Salary, Administrative Ass't		6,000.00
Salary, Sec'y to Exec. Dir.	3,000.00	3,100.00
Salary, Secretary-Treasurer	4,958.28	4,000.00
1/3 Salary, Clerk	1,000.00	1,000.00
Social Security for Central Off. Personnel	760.57	800.00
Annual Meeting & Exec. Committee Meetings	2,663.42	2,000.00
Travel	6,703.82	7,000.00
Rent	1,335.00	1,680.00
Telephone & Telegraph	1,813.01	2,500.00
Office Supplies & Equipment	4,500.00	2,500.00
Postage (not including New South)	1,378.17	2,000.00
Printing (other than New South)	6,335.48	2,000.00
Audit Fees	420.00	500.00
Miscellaneous Expense	127.29	300.00
Insurance	43.22	
Sub-totals	$ 45,038.26	$ 45,380.00
* INFORMATION SERVICE AND NEW SOUTH		
Salary, Ass't Dir. for Information	$ 6,833.48	$ 7,000.00
Salary, Editorial Assistant	1,791.52	5,000.00
Salary, Research Assistant	2,483.49	4,000.00
Salary, Clerk		2,700.00
2/3 Salary, Clerk (Circulation)	2,000.00	2,000.00
1/4 Salary, Clerk (Steno)	494.27	750.00
Salary Office Boy (Part-time)	328.50	300.00
New South, Printing & Postage	4,192.62	6,500.00
Envelopes, Addressograph, Plates, etc.	307.58	400.00
Books & Materials	705.99	300.00
Sub-totals	$ 19,137.45	$ 28,950.00

	ACTUAL 1954 - 1955	PROPOSED 1955 - 1956
LAISON - STATE ORGANIZATIONS		
Salary, Ass't Dir. for State Organ.	$ 6,083.31	$ 7,000.00
Salary, Ass't Dir. for State Organ.	3,289.30	2,000.00
1/4 Salary, Stenographer	494.27	750.00
Sub-totals	$ 9,866.88	$ 9,750.00
PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT		**
Salary, Ass't for Program Development	$ 7,750.00	To be provided under state training Program
1/4 Salary, Clerk	494.27	
Program Materials	200.00	
	$ 8,444.27	
Women's Work		
Salary, Director of Women's Work	$ 5,000.00	$ 5,250.00
1/4 Salary, Clerk	494.25	750.00
Travel, Director	241.33	500.00
Meetings, travel of participants etc.	893.37	2,500.00
Sub-totals	$ 6,628.95	$ 9,000.00
Two Clerks - July & August 1955	910.00	
SPECIAL PROJECTS		
Manuscript on Cotton Tenancy	150.00	
Grand Totals	$90,175.81	$93,080.00

* Of the total of $28,950.00 proposed to be spent for the Information Service and New South, $6,850.00 is available as an unexpended balance in the Doris Duke Foundation grant; $1,500.00 is available as an unexpended balance in the Marshall Field Foundation grant; and $5,000,00 has been promised us from the Marshall Field Foundation for the calendar year 1956. Of this $5,000.00 there will be $3,750.00 available for the current budget period.

** Salary for Ass't Director	$ 2,500.00
1/4 Salary, Clerk	500.00
Consultants, salaries &travel	4,000.00
Travel, Ass't Director	1,500.00
Total	$ 8,500.00

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL

PROPOSED BUDGET

For Fiscal Year - October 1, 1955—September 30, 1956

CENTRAL OFFICE ONLY

INCOME:	Actual-18 mos. 4/1/54 to 9/30/55	Adjusted 12 mos.	Estimated 1955-56
Contributions from Individuals, Organizations, Churches, etc.	$ 36,106.30	$ 24,070.91	$ 14,000.00
Dues	1,405.00	936.67	500.00
New South Subscriptions	3,603.63	2,402.42	6,000.00
Sale of Literature	4,981.50	3,321.00	3,000.00
Honoraria	2,527.01	1,684.69	1,000.00
Interest Income	2,577.16	1,718.03	800.00
State Divisions	597.50	398.34	
Fund for the Republic	80,200.00	53,466.67	25,000.00
Unexpended balance in Duke and Field Funds			12,100.00
Surplus 1954-55			2,500.00
Sub Total			$ 64,900.00
Anticipated Revenue from other sources to balance budget			28,180.00
TOTAL	$131,998.10	$ 87,998.73	$ 93,080.00

Estimated expenditures for fiscal year - October 1, 1955 to September 30, 1956, and comparison with actual expenditures for the 12 month period - September 1, 1954 to August 31, 1955

EXPENSES:	Actual 1954-55	Proposed 1955-56
Salaries	$ 57,404.94	$ 61,600.00
Social Security Tax	760.57	800.00
Travel	6,945.15	7,500.00
Printing	10,528.10	8,500.00
Rent	1,335.00	1,680.00
Telephone & Telegraph	1,813.01	2,500.00
Postage	1,378.17	2,000.00
Books & Subscriptions	905.99	300.00
Accounting Fees	420.00	500.00
Insurance & Miscellaneous Expense	170.51	300.00
Office Supplies	4,807.58	2,900.00
Annual Meeting Expense	2,663.42	2,000.00
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Manuscript on Cotton Tenancy	150.00	
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STAFF FORECAST OF INCOME FOR CURRENT FISCAL YEAR

October 1, 1955 - September 30, 1956

Received from the Fund for the Republic		$ 25,000.00
Carry-over from Marshall Field Grant, on hand or covenanted		5,250.00
Carry-over from Doris Duke Grant		6,850.00
Cash balance October 1, 1955, over and above current bills		2,500.00
Contributions:		
Church Organizations		
Methodist	$ 3,000.00	
Presbyterian	500.00	
Protestant Episcopal	1,000.00	
Other	500.00	5,000.00
Labor Organizations		
American Federation of Labor	3,000.00	
United Steelworkers	1,000.00	
United Automobile Workers	1,000.00	
International Ladies' Garment Workers'	500.00	
Other	500.00	6,000.00
Small Foundations		1,000.00
Dues of Associate Members		500.00
Sale of Literature		3,000.00
New South Subscriptions - non-state		1,000.00
New South Subscriptions - state		5,000.00
Honoraria		1,000.00
Board and Executive Committee		2,000.00
Interest Income		800.00
Total clearly expectable		$ 64,900.00
Hoped-for contributions		
Further Grant from Doris Duke Foundation		7,000.00
John Hay Whitney Foundation		4,000.00
Other foundation aid		20,000.00
*Contribution to be raised by Finance Committee, net		15,000.00
TOTAL		$110,900.00

*In view of the importance of raising in this second grant period of aid from the Fund for the Republic a goodly sum to enable the Central Office and the Council as a whole to continue through the third grant period it is hoped that a much larger sum can be raised, mainly from contributions within the South.

FUNCTIONAL DISTRIBUTION OF EXPENSES

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Consultants, salaries &travel	4,000.00
Travel, Ass't Director	1,500.00
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Budget under final proposal to Fund for the Republic - March 11, 1954

STATE ORGANIZATIONS

To raise themselves		From Fund for Republic	* Actual grant
1st 18 mos.	$ 21,600.00	$ 158,762.50	$ 158,800.00
2nd year	42,000.00	125,433.00	126,000.00
3rd year	72,000.00	97,533.00	97,600.00
Totals	135,600.00	381,728.50	382,400.00

CENTRAL OFFICE

To raise		From Fund for Republic	* Actual grant
1st. 18 mos.	$40,000.00	$ 74,646.25	$ 74,700.00
2nd year	55,000.00	22,847.50	24,000.00
3rd year (6 mos.)	27,200.00	12,325.00	12,400.00
Rem. 6 mos.	39,525.00		
Totals	161,725.00	109,818.75	111,100.00
Williamsburg Conference		6,500.00	6,500.00
Grand totals	$ 297,325.00	$ 498,047.25	$ 500,000.00

Payments of Grant to be as follows

April 1-1954 - Sept. 30, 1955 - $240,000.00

October 1, 1955 - Sept. 30, 1956 $150,000.00

October 1, 1956 - Sept. 30, 1957 $110,000.00

FINANCE REPORT OF STATE ORGANIZATIONS FOR APRIL 1955

Income to state organizations from local sources

	Contributions	Memberships	Misc.	Total
Alabama	$ 20.10	$ 176.00	$7.40	$203.50
Georgia	64.00	113.00		177.00
Kentucky		108.00	56.10	164.10
Louisiana		39.00		39.00
Mississippi		93.50		93.50
North Carolina	5.00	60.00	10.95	75.95
South Carolina	11.00	33.50		44.50
Texas	80.00	71.00	25.75	176.75
	$ 180.10	$ 694.00	$ 100.20	$ 974.30

Disbursements to state organizations from Fund for the Republic grant

	Salaries and S.S.	Local Expenses	Misc. (travel)	Total
Alabama	$526.99	$ 1,000.00	$ 35.00	$ 1561.99
Florida			115.62	115.62
Georgia	637.50			637.50
Kentucky	1001.00			1001.00
Louisiana	637.50	800.00		1437.50
Mississippi	425.00	500.00		925.00
North Carolina	628.99	600.00		1228.99
South Carolina	526.99			526.99
Texas	637.50			637.50
Tennessee			31.07	31.07
Virginia			28.07	28.07
	$ 5021.47	$ 2,900.00	$ 209.79	$ 8131.23

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ROOM 432, 63 AUBURN AVENU

GEORGE S. MITCHELL,
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

July 22, 1955

A Council to attain, through research and action, the ideals and practices of equal opportunity for all peoples in the South.

Dear SRC Board Member:

The first grant period from the Fund for the Republic to SRC ends September 30, 1955. Our request for the second grant period must be in not later than August 20, 1955. It seems desirable to review and evaluate the program of the Council and of the various affiliated state organizations during the first grant period.

To that end, we ask that you be kind enough to send us your confidential evaluation of the operation within your own state. We would like to have a frank statement by you of your opinion of the effectiveness of the program; of the problems which have arisen; and any suggestions you may have for improving the state operation.

We hope that it will not be too great an imposition for you to send your comments to us sometime before August 5th.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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DRAFT OF PROPOSED MEMORANDUM TO FUND FOR THE REPUBLIC

INTRODUCTION

The purpose of this Memorandum is to outline a proposal designed to encourage Southern communities to comply "with all deliberate speed" with the decrees of the Supreme Court in the segregation cases.

While there would be ample reason for such effort if Southern communities were left to their free choices, the reason is the more compelling in many areas because of pressure to preserve the present status. This pressure is both official and non-official.

For example, Louisiana sets aside a fund of $100,000 to employ segregation attorneys to defend local suits. Georgia authorizes use of state funds of an unstated amount for the same purpose,and, additionally, assigns two members of the Attorney General's staff to assist in defending such suits. That State also makes membership in NAACP ground for denying a certificate to teach. North Carolina with State funds creates an advisory commission (all white) to assist communities to institute a program of voluntary segregation. Instances might be multiplied, of the full weight and resources of states'being employed to dissuade communities from compliance with the decrees.

In addition, there have been spawned in the South a host of private organizations upon whose shoulders the mantle of the Ku Klux Klan has fallen, such organizations as Citizens Council, White America, Inc., Knights of the White Christians, Southern Gentlemen, Society for the Preservation of State Government and Racial Integrity, Maryland Petition Committee, Baltimore Association for States Rights, States Rights League, National Association for Advancement of White People, Virginia League, Defenders of State Sovereignty and Individual Liberties and Federation for Constitutional Government. The states represented in

this list are Alabama, Mississippi, Arkansas, Louisiana, Maryland, South Carolina, Delaware, Virginia and Tennessee.

There is, then, a truly impressive exhibition of official and privately organized resources and individuals whose sole purpose is to coerce or terrify communities into non-compliance with law. They etch the necessity for counter-action.

THE PLAN

The strategy to be employed in order to defeat this combination of public and private power seems to be self-dictated. If there is to be punishment for non-compliance, there should be reward for compliance. Stated otherwise, if there is to be from some quarters obloquy and reproach for those who seek to uphold the law, there should be from other quarters honor and approbation. If a community is to be subjected to pressure to be craven, there should be upon it an off-setting pressure to be bold. And, since a community may be bold without being wise, the reward should go to communities which exhibit both boldness and wisdom in their approach to integration.

As important as may be words of judicious praise, the reward should not consist of compliments alone. It should be tangible. It should be monetary and in an amount sufficient to be appreciated and striven for.

The plan, in brief, is that to each of ten units of school administration -- district, city or county, as may be determined -- there should go an award of $10,000.00 for its boldness and wisdom in accomplishing integration in the public schools "with all deliberate speed". Co-incidentally, there should be awarded to individuals -- trustees,superintendents or others responsible -- appropriately engraved gold medals.

The plan recognizes that the community is an entity and that the action is group action. It also makes acknowledgement that behind, and responsible for, the action is an individual or group if individuals.

OBJECTIVES

There would be three major objectives:

1. To accord deserved recognition to communities and individuals who have moved with courage and statesmanship.
2. To encourage hesitant or wavering communities or individuals so to move.
3. By publicizing the policies pursued in successful integration, to educate others as to proper techniques.

The award method possesses certain distinct virtues.

It is positive rather than negative. However deserved adverse criticism for failure to act may be, commendation for those who do act is believed to be more effective as an incentive to move. The carrot should be tried before the stick.

The method lends itself to widespread and favorable publicity. Awards recently made to a community and a library--there may have been others--for liberal action in fields at least tangential to public school integration were widely covered by press, radio and television.

In several Southern states, by operation of newly enacted legislation, counties and districts now have autonomy in assignment of pupils. They can integrate if they want to. Many such counties and districts are pondering their courses. Where the scales are nearly balanced, the distinction and monetary award which came to another Southern community may prove decisive.

Nobel and Pulitzer wisely appealed to men's competitive instinct and their natural thirst for well grounded approbation. Such would be the reason underlying the plan herein proposed.

Upon the individual, as distinguished from the community, level, there may be division within a board of trustees, or a superintendent may have his moments of doubt. The public recognition and acclaim which have come to other trustees or superintendents may be of crucial importance.

MECHANICS

To effectuate the plan, it is proposed:

1. That the Southern Regional Council should set up a board of seven Southern educators of both races whose respective institutions would be ineligible for any award. The board would determine the recipients. The board would elect from its members a chairman and a secretary. The Southern Regional Council would fill vacancies if any.

2. The board would have complete authority as to its choices, community and individual, for awards, but should select only one community and the individual or individuals concerned at a time and at intervals of not less than one month. It should take into account the resolution and tact displayed; the steps pursued, including their adaptabliity to other communities, and the results achieved, if results have become evident.

3. The board may make such investigation as it desires and use such evidence, information and reports as it deems credible in arriving at its decision. Records of the Southern Regional Council shall at all times be available to the board.

4. The board shall make no disclosure of its awards except to the Southern Regional Council in order that the Council may release at such times and under such circumstances as to secure maximum favorable publicity.

5. Awards shall be delivered only upon receipt by the Council from the responsible school official of a full report of the plans pursued by the community involved, with the views of the official as to merits or demerits of each step taken and suggestions for improvement. The Council shall have the right to publicize such report as it may see fit.

6. Awards to communities shall be ten in number in amount of $10,000.00 each. Individual awards in a number to be determined by the board shall be suitably

inscribed gold medals of the value of $50.00 each.

7. The board shall receive travel and maintenance allowance for purposes of conference and a per diem of $25.00 for each day spent in conference.

8. It is estimated that $5,000.00 will cover charges of the board and cost of individual awards. Hence, the amount of the grant should be $105,000.00.

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NEW SOUTH SUBSCRIPTIONS

	April 1, 1954- August 31, 1955	
Alabama	238	321
Arkansas	21	56
Florida	30	122
Georgia	284	405
Kentucky	80	103
Louisiana	351	388
Mississippi	62	121
North Carolina	181	197
South Carolina	125	189
Tennessee	14	100
Texas	60	135
Virginia		143
	1,146	2,280
Others:		
Oklahoma and Associates		483
Grand Total		2,763

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Telephone: MUrray Hill 2-1250

THE FUND FOR THE REPUBLIC INC.

60 East 42nd Street, New York 17, New York September 26, 1955

Mr. Marion A. Wright, President
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
63 Auburn Avenue, NE., Room 432
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Mr. Wright:

I am pleased to advise you that the Board of Directors of the Fund for the Republic has approved a grant of $150,000 to the Southern Regional Council, Inc. for the fiscal year October 1, 1955, to September 30, 1956, to support the expansion of the educational work of the Council in twelve southern states, and to strengthen the Central Office in Atlanta.

In our grant letter for the eighteen-month period April 1, 1954, to September 30, 1955, we stated that the grant had been made with the understanding that the Fund,

> "...will consider future grants, on a showing of program accomplishment and ability to raise funds from other sources, of not to exceed $150,000 for the period October 1, 1955 through September 30, 1956; and of not to exceed $110,000 for the period October 1, 1956, through September 30, 1957. This grant carries with it the stipulation that there will be no commitment or intention on the part of the Fund to support the program of the SRC after September 30, 1957."

The present grant is made on the same terms as our first grant. However, we would like to take this opportunity to congratulate you and through you George Mitchell and his staff for the excellent progress made during the first year and a half of operation under the Council's expanded program. We appreciate the many difficulties that have confronted the Council in the past months, particularly in its successful endeavors to reorganize and staff the various state affiliates.

When the time comes for another appraisal of the operations of the Council by this Fund, we will, of course, want to look very closely at the actual accomplishments of the state organizations. We hope that during the next twelve months all the state chapters will build a record of achievement of which this Fund and the Council can be proud.

We look forward to receiving from Mr. Mitchell the same type of excellent quarterly reports he has furnished us during the first eighteen months of our support, and such additional informal progress reports as he may wish to give us.

You are at liberty to publicize this grant should you desire to do so. We would appreciate, however, the opportunity of reviewing a draft of any news release before it is made available to the public.

We have on hand a copy of your tax-exempt ruling under IRC #101 (6) and your statement of February 5, 1954, that the Southern Regional Council has not departed from the terms of the ruling.

I am enclosing our check for $150,000.00 and would appreciate receiving your acknowledgment of this payment at your convenience.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ David F. Freeman

David F. Freeman
Secretary

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cc: George Mitchell

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PLEASE ENCLOSE COPY OF LAST AUDITED STATEMENT; COPY OF LAST ANNUAL REPORT; AND COPIES OF BUDGET FOR CURRENT FISCAL YEAR AND NEXT FISCAL YEAR.

The Southern Regional Council operated during the 18 months fiscal period April 1, 1954 - September 30, 1955, on a somewhat flexible budget, as staff was being recruited for an expanding organization. Budget for fiscal year October 1, 1955 - September 30, 1956, has been prepared for the inspection of the Executive Committee, and with changes will presumably be adopted at the meeting of the Executive Committee October 28-29, 1955. The tentative budget shows the following breakdowns:

Administration, including salaries, rent, travel, postage, audit, printing and communications	$ 49,460
Information service and monthly magazine	25,250
Liason with State Organizations	9,750
Women's Work	8,500
Total	$ 92,960

FINANCIAL STATUS OF STATE ORGANIZATIONS, SEPTEMBER 30, 1955

STATE	DATE OF ORGANIZATION	FUNDS-QUOTA	FUNDS-RAISED
ALABAMA	October 1, 1954	$ 1,800.00	$ 2,224.30
ARKANSAS	April 15, 1955	825.00	832.58
FLORIDA	August 15, 1955	225.00	250.64
GEORGIA	June 1, 1954	3,466.64	3,603.42
KENTUCKY	December 1, 1954	1,500.00	1,315.00*
LOUISIANA	June 1, 1954	2,800.00	2,917.18
MISSISSIPPI	January 1, 1955	1,350.00	1,362.25
NORTH CAROLINA	October 1, 1954	2,800.00	2,525.72
SOUTH CAROLINA	October 1, 1954	1,800.00	1,804.00
TENNESSEE	June 15, 1955	600.00	674.75
TEXAS	November 1, 1954	1,650.00	2,541.69
VIRGINIA	July 1, 1955	450.00	1,221.00

* Kentucky reported in early October that it had passed its goal.

Prepared by: Fred Routh and Ruth House Alexander
October 25, 1955

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GEORGE S. MITCHELL,
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

A Council to attain, through research and action, the ideals and practices of equal opportunity for all peoples in the South.

MEMORANDUM

TO: Members of the Executive Committee

FROM: George S. Mitchell

RE: Fund for the Republic Grant

Here is a copy of the Fund for the Republic's letter of grant for the fiscal year October 1, 1955, to September 30, 1956. You will note that the grant is for $150,000, which is the amount originally agreed upon for the second year's operations; no additional funds were granted for the supplementary programs which we proposed.

We are in the process of preparing a draft of a press release, which must then be cleared with the Fund. Meanwhile, we ask your cooperation in keeping the news of the grant unpublicized.

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October 6, 1955

Miss Mae I. Davenport, Librarian
LeMoyne College
Memphis, Tennessee

Dear Miss Davenport:

I have your request of October 4, 1955, for back issues of New South.

I am sure that I cannot supply all back issues of New South, but when you send your list it is possible that I will have all that are missing for completion of your files.

The price per copy is 10¢, but at least once a year a booklet was substituted and the price range on those is from 15¢ to 50¢.

Sincerely yours,

Ruth House Alexander
Acting Secretary-Treasurer

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October 4, 1955

Southern Regional Council
63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Gentlemen:

Can you supply us with back issues of the New South? We would like to have the periodical bound but need to fill in missing numbers. We will send our want list if you can render this service. Please quote price.

Very truly yours,

Mae I. Davenport

MAE I. DAVENPORT, Librarian

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July 19, 1955

Dr. O. D. Duncan
Oklahoma A. & M. College
Stillwater, Oklahoma

JUL 22 1955

Dear Friend:

I thank you for your note and its enclosed brochure by the Southern Regional Council. I have acquainted some Unitarian women with the good work with which you are associated.

At present I am not contributing to the American Friends Service Committee or the Unitarian Fellowship. I hope you will accept the enclosed to help the work of the Southern Regional Council.

Sincerely,

S. F. MacAlpine

S. F. (Mrs David) MacAlpine
1015 W 4th Ave
Stillwater, Okla

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. . . GEORGE S. MITCHELL . . .

Contributions through O. D. Duncan
Okla. A + M
Stillwater, Okla.

To: R.A.

Please see this correspondence from Duncan and my answer to him. Could you keep a little memorandum record on what comes in from his office ?

Sincerely.

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Mrs. David MacAlpine
1015 West 4th St.
Stillwater, Okla

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October 7, 1955

Mrs. W. F. Bates
125 Atkins Street
North Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Mrs. Bates:

How very kind that was of you to bring your original contribution up to the so-helpful sum of $50.00! We are deeply grateful, and conscious of the sacrifice in other things and other causes that the gift means.

From Tuskegee one of us would be happy to drive you in to Montgomery to catch a plane North for Cincinnati. I've called Eastern Air Lines on planes. The only that-afternoon arrangement takes you out of Montgomery airport at 2:19 p.m., brings you over to Atlanta, and leaves Atlanta for Cincinnati at 7:20. Would get to Cincinnati in a couple of hours.

Another possibility would be to leave Montgomery airport at 5:47 p.m., come over to Atlanta (reached at 8:10 p.m.), sleep in Atlanta, and catch an 8:45 plane out in the morning for Cincinnati, getting there at 10:35 a.m.

For whichever, or any other, we would be glad to undertake to get you to the airport in Montgomery.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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Encl. SRC official receipt $25.00

cc: RA (for arrangements if need be) ✓

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ROOM 432, 63 AUBURN AVENU

GEORGE S. MITCHELL,
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

January 20, 1955

A Council to attain, through research and action, the ideals and practices of equal opportunity for all peoples in the South.

FILE COPY

Dear Board Member:

Here is a report on SRC's activity for the last quarter of 1954.

ESPECIALLY ON THE SCHOOLS

Speakers from the Council have been much in demand in the South and elsewhere, usually the requested subject being useful to proceeding with fitting the schools together. Various of us on the staff have talked to the Herald-Tribune Forum in New York, to the Conference of Editorial Writers at Asheville, North Carolina, to the Fellowship of Southern Churchmen meeting at Nashville, to the Unitarians at Charlotte, North Carolina, and in quite a number of local churches.

TECHNICAL ADVICE

The Council's services have also been in demand for meetings of a new and special kind: where concerned citizens have drawn together to plan for unsegregated schools and want quasi-technical advice on how to work. We have met in this way with the Anderson, South Carolina, Christian Council on Human Relations; the Parent-Teachers Associations, white and Negro, of Rockdale County, Maryland (suburban Washington); the about-to-be-formed Northern Virginia Council on Segregation and the Schools; Friendship House at Shreveport, Louisiana; a state-wide conference of YM and YWCA student representatives in Louisiana (Baton Rouge); and elsewhere.

WORK WITH LABOR

Our long-term effort to enlist the active support of the labor movement in the South for progress in desegregation was carried forward with a week's session of the A. F. of L. Southern Leadership Training School for the Southwestern states, meeting at Mineral Wells, Texas, and with a two-day appearance before the training institute of the International Ladies Garment Workers' Union in New York. Some flavor of the Mineral Wells venture is conveyed by the anonymous written comment of one of the students after the week's session had ended. Anent "Southern Problems," he wrote, "Subject was distasteful, but the guy told the truth, and I reckon it was useful."

TOWARD COORDINATION

The Council perforce has been put into the role of coordinating agency for the work of various national agencies, as they reach more vigorously into the South. We have been thus used by a subcommittee of the National Civil Liberties Clearing House at Washington, the meeting of the National Association for Inter-group Relations Officials in Boston, and two meetings of a coordinating effort resulting from the Herald-Tribune Forum.

In all these coordination appearances, the representatives of the Southern Regional Council have stressed the point that the twelve renewed state agencies being established with Council help are independent bodies with which national agencies may work directly. Thus SRC is no bottleneck for the South. We are glad to help any agency, but the agencies in turn are perfectly free to be in direct association with the Southern Regional Council's friends out in the states.

THE WORLD TO THE SOUTH

We have entertained and informed for periods varying from a few hours to a week, the following visitors from foreign countries:

Mr. Sastrowardojo Surjono, Madiun, Java, Indonesia. Delegate United Nations, Young Diplomats Project. Sponsored by the Institute of International Education, New York City.

Mr. Fritz Kaestner, 15 Adlestr, Oldenburg, Germany, Ministerial Director. Sponsored by the U. S. State Department.

Mr. and Mrs. David Ginsburg, 9 Harman Drive, London N. W. 2, England. Research Division, British Labor Party. Sponsored by the U. S. State Department.

Five Indian gentlemen, as follows: B. Rajaram, Bombay; N. Bose, Calcutta; H. R. Kolte, Bombay; R. H. Patel, Ahmedabad; S. K. Chatterjee, Calcutta.

Two on the employing side; three trade union officials. All in this country under the sponsorship of the U. S. Department of Labor.

CENTRAL OFFICE AND THE STATE GROUPS

The Council has in its structure the advantages and disadvantages of a federal relationship. Our major effort is to get going independent agencies in each of twelve Southern states. At the same time events press upon the South an ever more urgent need for performance in a concerted fashion. This controversy came up distinctly in the meeting of the Board of Directors of the Council, November 10, 1954. Various members, deeply experienced in the negligence or tolerance to misdeeds which have accom-

panied states' rights in our federal governmental picture groaned inwardly (and some outwardly), over the prospect of a Southern Regional Council which would allow state organizations to have their head! So, it was agreed that we would do much more to draw up from the state bodies locally planned programs, and to suggest measures of concert.

The upshot of it is that we will carry an increasing burden of program effort; in reality a burden well beyond what was envisioned in our early planning as to how the Council's work would proceed. Program coordination is a bigger and more difficult job than had been foreseen.

In the report of October 6th, we reviewed the status of the state groups as of that date. Five had employed professional staff and others seemed nearly ready to do so.

As of this date, seven have engaged their professional staff; two or three are nearly ready to do so; and the remaining two states should be fully launched within a few weeks.

In review:

STAFF EMPLOYED

Alabama:

State Chairman -- Reverend Dan C. Whitsett, First Methodist Church, Sylacauga, Alabama

Executive Secretary -- Reverend Robert E. Hughes

Agency -- The Alabama Council on Human Relations, Room 206, Moore Building, South Court Street, Montgomery, Telephone 2-0450

The first three months have gone into travel for their Executive Secretary over the state learning people, problems and resources. Several meetings of the principal members of their Executive Committee have been held. They propose to divide the state into several areas and build Board membership and general membership as well as program, area by area. First annual membership meeting under the new name will be February 8th in Montgomery.

The new Council is as yet too narrowly based, but its supporters are able people of firm purpose.

Georgia:

State Chairman -- Reverend George E. Clary.

Executive Secretary -- Dr. Guy H. Wells

Agency -- The Georgia Commission on Interracial Cooperation, 63 Auburn Avenue, N. E., Atlanta, Georgia. Telephone ALpine 4063.

The Georgia Commission has continued, through long-range campaigns, to assist the building of a public opinion in the state more favorable to integration in the schools. Their Executive Secretary has been picking up the old-established links with local groups which the Commission has had for years. In a membership meeting in November, By-Laws were approved and a new and broadened Board elected.

Louisiana:

State Chairman -- Reverend Albert D'Orlando.

Executive Secretary -- Milton C. Vigo.

Agency - The Louisiana Council on Human Relations, 303 Board of Trade Annex Building, New Orleans. Telephone MAin 4295.

The agency, under its new name, combines the former New Orleans Committee on Race Relations, and the former Louisiana Division of the Southern Regional Council. Their new by-laws have been tentatively approved on behalf of the Southern Regional Council. Their Executive Secretary has been travelling widely in the state. A special workshop to plan program is slated for January 11th.

Mississippi:

State Chairman -- Rabbi Charles Mantinband.

Executive Secretary -- Mrs. M. J. Lyells.

Agency -- The Mississippi Council on Human Relations. For the time being address c/o Mrs. M. J. Lyells, 1116 Montgomery Street, Jackson.

The Executive Committee, at a meeting on December 13th, adopted the new name and agreed to the employment, effective January 1, of two staff members, one white and one Negro. Subsequently, the white candidate withdrew. The Mississippi Council has undertaken to raise the necessary funds to insure equal salaries for both directors. The Mississippi situation is difficult, but the new staff and those most closely associated with the agency can be trusted to move soundly and effectively in the state.

North Carolina:

State Chairman -- Reverend Leon Russell.

Executive Secretary -- Harry S. Jones.

Agency -- The North Carolina Council on Human Relations, 121 East Third Street, Room 209, Charlotte. Telephone FRanklin 6-6833.

North Carolina carried through many years an independent Commission on Interracial Cooperation, which some seven or eight years ago found the means briefly to employ paid staff on its own. It subsequently became the North Carolina Division of the Southern Regional Council, and is now reconstituted under its new name. The move of the state headquarters to Charlotte is significant, as that taps an additional set of friends in the state.

The Executive Secretary has technical experience in this field, and gives every indication of proceeding competently to the strengthening of the movement in North Carolina.

South Carolina:

State Chairman -- Mr. Richard J. Foster, Greenville.

Executive Secretary -- Mrs. E. H. Spearman.

Agency -- The South Carolina Division of the Southern Regional Council, 1508 Lady Street, Columbia. Telephone 6-8808

Those active in the organization are representative of the finest quality of citizenship which the state can boast, and results will be seen.

Texas:

State Chairman -- Mrs. James S. Crate, Houston.

Executive Secretary -- Thomas S. Sutherland.

Agency -- Texas Commission on Race Relations, 309 West Twenty-First Street, Austin. Telephone 7-8819.

A body of devotees of better race relations, centered mainly about Houston has had, with SRC aid, the good fortune to obtain a strong and far-seeing Executive Secretary. He will help them grow and reach out over the whole state.

Texas cherishes its independence; the old Texas Commission on Interracial Cooperation never did more than affiliate with the Southern Regional Council, and the new plan of linkage with SRC seems popular.

STAFF NOT YET EMPLOYED

Arkansas:

State Chairman -- Mr. Fred Darragh, Little Rock.

Agency -- The Arkansas Council on Human Relations, 1401 East Sixth Street, Little Rock.

The Arkansas Division of the Southern Regional Council has been thinly supported for years. The body came together with new attendance on December 2nd, 1954, and reestablished themselves as the Arkansas Council on Human Relations with By-Laws approved by SRC.

They have unsually broad support now and as they extend into Arkansas, flexibly and hopefully, a good deal is to be expected from this body. A membership committee is working on that problem and a personnel committee is considering applicants for the place of Executive Secretary.

Florida:

State Chairman -- Mr. Davisson Dunlap, Jacksonville, Barnett National Bank Building, Telephone 3-6261.

Agency -- The Florida Council for Human Relations.

The old Florida Division reconstituted itself December 22, 1954, as the Florida Council for Human Relations. They have divided the state into four areas and have agreed that when the state office is set up, it would be in the central Florida city of Orlando.

Various committes are at work in preparation for an annual membership meeting to be held January 15th and 16th, 1955.

Kentucky:

State Chairman -- Dr. Hugh A. Brimm, Carver School of Missions, Louisville.

Agency -- The Kentucky Council on Human Relations.

Kentucky likes the special arrangement which they have launched. They have chosen very carefully consultants, five white and five Negro, located over the state, and are using them in program and in building membership. The members of the Board are particularly skilled and experienced people. While they have not yet employed the single high-type clerical person whom they wish to have for their central office, they have interviewed candidates and will probably hire someone soon. But they are a going concern, and certainly do not deserve listing in any semi-active category.

Tennessee:

State Chairman -- Mr. F. Woods Beckman, 5908 Magazine Road, Knoxville. Telephone KNoxville 7-4038.

Agency -- The Tennessee Council on Human Relations.

The Tennessee Division of the Southern Regional Council virtually disbanded three years ago, and the job has been to get a new organization on its feet. They have set themselves up under the new name, have elected a broad Board of Directors, have divided the state into three areas, and plan -- Kentucky-fashion -- a somewhat different program for each area.

Virginia:

Cooperating State Executive -- Mr. C. Emerson Smith, Executive Secretary of the Virginia Council of Churches, Department of Christian Social Relations, 109 West Grace Street, Richmond. Telephone 3-0274.

A sub-section of the Virginia Council of Churches continues to serve in the field of race relations. We in the Southern Regional Council have worked out a basis of agreement with the Virginia Council of Churches under which SRC will assist into being a Virginia Council on Human Relations. Of this new body, the appropriate section of the Virginia Council of Churches will be formally one of the component groups. SRC's new agency will attempt increased coordination of a variety of individuals and agencies interested in progress in the field of race relations. The preliminary negotiations are accomplished, and the meetings are to be held in February which should establish the new agency.

1954 ANNUAL MEETING OF THE SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL

This was probably the best Board meeting the Council has ever had. Unusually good attendance and eager interest by the Board members in policy and program. It is clear from that Board meeting that we can depend on the Board in the future for more active participation in the Council's effort over all the South.

A strong Executive Committee was elected. Marion Wright of Linville Falls, North Carolina, was continued as president. Only a few vacancies were available on the Board. Toward filling them the preference of the Nominating Committee went to people with business or church connections. Among newly elected persons who have already accepted, were Mr. Hodding Carter, of Greenville, Mississippi, Mr. Jerome K. Crossman, an oil executive and past president of the Dallas Chamber of Commerce, and Mr. I. H. Burney, a life insurance executive at Jacksonville, Florida, and Mr. Philip Hammer, economic consultant of Atlanta.

INFORMATION

We have been successful in our appeals to the Marshall Field Fund for additional money for New South, and to the Doris Duke Fund for money to enable us to bring in and get out through our own organizational channels, or through New South, a much more complete picture of what is going on in the South. New South will assume a new guise effective with its February issue, 1955. Among the functions described to the Doris Duke Foundation was what we have called research interpretation -- in reality a problem of translating into terms of this society the findings of social scientists on the whole matter of prejudice and discrimination. This will proceed as part of the expanded information program as soon as additional staff can be found and equipped.

Meanwhile, during the last three months, we have continued to service newspaper men, students, and other organizations with special information needs. Articles in which we have had a hand include one on Southern hate groups sent out by the Associated Press; a similar one in Time; one on segregation in Newsweek, and others in the New York Times and Christian Science Monitor. The Virginia Law Review published a significant article on the prospects for integration in recreation, written at our suggestion and with the help of our materials by a brilliant young lawyer named Robert McKay. This analysis may be expected to have some influence on the shaping of future public policy in the Southern states.

The last three issues of New South have enjoyed a good deal of currency as shedding helpful light on the problems of integration: an authoritative analysis of the legalities of the situation; a perceptive field report on attitudes in the mountain South; an historic statement on the Supreme Court decision by Southern Negro educators; and the official progress report on integration in the armed services. None of these significant documents, so far as we know, has been made available elsewhere in print. The volume of requests for these materials shows a steady demand, not only from within the South, but from other parts of the nation as well.

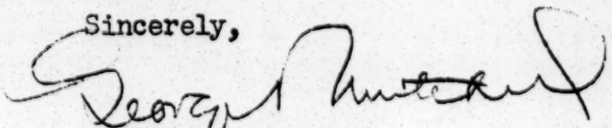
We will publish in January what we believe will be a uniquely useful resource -- a 120-page collection of articles from New South in the last decade laying out the main trends in Southern race relations. The background for the action needed today will thus be assembled between one set of covers. We are hopeful that it will prove a significant working tool in educational, church, and organizational activities.

HELP TO BE ASKED

The Council can only perform the essential work of program coordination if modest additional funds reach it. We will be working with the Executive Committee for ways to get the help, and some of it, we hope, will come from the members of the Board.

Miss Stoney, as Secretary-Treasurer, will send you a finance report as soon as the schedule of the auditor will permit.

Sincerely,



George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

Emory University, Georgia
January 31, 1955

Dr. George S. Mitchell,
Executive Director
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Sir:

An examination has been made of the books and records of the SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC., Atlanta, Georgia, for the period of January 1, 1954 to December 31, 1954.

The following Exhibits and Schedules, together with Comments, are shown below:

Exhibit A	-	Balance Sheet, December 31, 1954
Exhibit B	-	Statement of Income and Expenses - Operating Fund, January 1, 1954 to December 31, 1954
Exhibit C	-	Statement of Income and Expenses - State Organizations, June 1, 1954 to December 31, 1954
Exhibit D	-	Statement of Receipts and Disbursements - Central Office, January 1, 1954 to December 31, 1954
Schedule 1	-	Bank Reconciliation Statements - First National Bank and Citizens Trust Company
Schedule 2	-	Accounts Receivable - Miscellaneous Literature
Schedule 3	-	Accounts Payable
Schedule 4	-	Statement of Receipts and Disbursements - Fellowship of the Concerned, January 1 to December 31, 1954
Schedule 5	-	Statement of Receipts and Disbursements - Commission on Equal Penalties, Jan. 1 to Dec. 31, 1954
Schedule 6	-	Analysis of Receipts and Disbursements - State Divisions, January 1 to December 31, 1954

COMMENTS

Cash In Bank - Central Office - $6,435.78
Cash In Bank - State Organizations - $4,710.19

All recorded receipts were traced to bank deposits and disbursements were compared with cancelled checks. Bank balances at December 31, 1954 were confirmed by correspondence with the depositories.

Savings Accounts - $180,000.00

Savings certificates in the amount of $60,000. were counted. Savings accounts amounting to $120,000. were confirmed by depository banks.

Accounts Receivable - $259.69

This account represents sales of literature. As of January 15, 1955, $183.37 had been collected. The balance is considered good.

Accrued Payroll Taxes - $1,144.60

This represents income taxes withheld and social security taxes for December, 1954.

Accounts Payable - $502.47

This amount is for current operating expenses incurred during December. Invoices were examined.

Due to Special Projects - $1,797.06

The amounts shown on the Balance Sheet belong to the projects indicated. It is expected that the amount due to State Divisions will be cleared out soon.

Advance Appropriations - $169,700.00

The advance from the Fund for the Republic covers the next nine months of operation. The Doris Duke Foundation grant was made specifically for an Information Services project for 1955.

Expenses shown in Exhibit C cover six state organizations set up with employed staff and two in the process of organization.

Schedule 6 shows an analysis by states of receipts and disbursements under the old plan whereby the Council shared with the state divisions in members dues. This plan is now being eliminated.

Respectfully,

L. E. Campbell

L. E. Campbell, C.P.A.

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SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC.
Atlanta, Georgia

BALANCE SHEET
December 31, 1954

ASSETS

Cash In Bank - Regular (Sch.1)	$ 6,435.78	
Cash In Bank - Special Projects (Sch.1)	4,710.19	
Savings Accounts	180,000.00	
Accounts Receivable	259.69	
Inventory - Pamphlets	500.00	
Total Assets		$ 191,905.66

LIABILITIES

Accounts Payable (Sch. 2)		$ 502.47	
Accrued Payroll Taxes		1,144.60	
Due to Special Projects			
Commission on Equal Penalties	341.07		
Fellowship of the Concerned	1370.99	1,712.06	
Due to State Divisions		85.00	
Advance Appropriations:			
Fund for the Republic -	$159,700.00		
Doris Duke Foundation -	10,000.00	169,700.00	
Total Liabilities			$ 173,144.13
Surplus, December 31, 1954			$ 18,761.53
			$ 191,905.66

EXHIBIT A

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC.
Atlanta, Georgia

Statement of Income and Expense - Operating Fund
January 1, 1954 to December 31, 1954

INCOME

Contributions:			
Church Sources:			
Methodist:			
Woman's Division of Christian Service		$ 1,200.00	
Division of National Missions		250.00	
Board of Education		300.00	
Woman's Societies of Christian Service in the South		154.00	$ 1,904.00
Presbyterian Church, U.S.:			
Board of Church Extension			200.00
Presbyterian Church, U.S.A.:			
Board of National Missions			250.00
Episcopal:			
National Council, Protestant Episcopal Church		$ 1,000.00	
Woman's Auxiliary, Diocese of Florida		15.00	1,015.00
Miscellaneous			20.00
Total Church Contributions			$ 3,389.00
Labor Organizations:			
United Auto Workers of America - CIO		$ 1,000.00	
United Steelworkers of America - CIO		1,000.00	
Congress of Industrial Organizations		1,000.00	
United Rubber Workers- CIO		200.00	
American Federation of Labor		1,000.00	
International Ladies Garment Workers' Union- A.F.L.		500.00	
Total Labor Organizations			4,700.00
Foundation Sources:			
Ford Foundation	$ 5,000.00		
Sidney Hillman Foundation	1,500.00		
Edgar Stern Family Fund	300.00		
Marion R. Ascoli Fund	300.00		
Sigmund Silberman Foundation	300.00		
Lucius and Eva Eastman Fund	250.00		
Samuel and Augusta Rosenwald Foundation	200.00		
Miscellaneous	10.00		
Total Foundation Sources			7,860.00

Organization Sources:		
United Jewish Appeal, (S.C.)	$75.00	
North Carolina Teachers Association	50.00	
Miscellaneous	23.26	
Total Organization Sources		$ 148.26
Members Dues		1,882.50
Honoraria		1,085.63
Sales of Miscellaneous Literature		4,026.44
New South Subscriptions		712.38
Interest income		33.33
Contributions from Individuals		1,620.04
From Fund for the Republic Grant		40,600.00
Transfer from Special Project		958.30
Total Income		$ 67,015.88

Expenses - Operating Fund
January 1, 1954 to December 31, 1954

	Paid	Due Dec. 31	Total
Salaries, Central Office	$ 41,785.57		$ 41,785.57
Travel	6,260.26	7.12	6,267.38
Printing	6,087.73	208.78	6,296.51
Rent	1,335.00		1,335.00
Telephone & Telegraph	1,425.56	176.00	1,601.56
Postage	718.43		718.43
Books & subscriptions	248.69	15.00	263.69
Accounting Fees	185.00		185.00
Insurance	774.59		774.59
Office Supplies	1,425.24	95.57	1,520.81
Annual Meeting Expense	1,473.88		1,473.88
Williamsburg Conference	2,828.34		2,828.34
Interest	.62		.62
O.A.B. Taxes	489.91	63.12	553.03
Bank Exchange	5.80		5.80
Georgia Sales Tax	17.06		17.06
Office Equipment	666.10		666.10
Office Alterations	1,680.24		1,680.24
Consultants' Fees	1,382.10		1,382.10
Miscellaneous Expense	369.64		369.64
Totals	$ 69,159.76	$ 565.59	$ 69,725.35

Total Income - 1954	$ 67,015.88
Total Expense - 1954	69,725.35
Excess of Expense over Income	$ 2,709.47

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC.
Atlanta, Georgia

Statement of Income and Expense - State Organizations
June 1, 1954 to December 31, 1954

INCOME

Appropriation from Fund for the Republic	$ 39,700.00
North Carolina Council on Human Relations	250.00
Total Income	$ 39,950.00

DISBURSEMENTS

	Salaries	Local expenses	Total
Alabama	$1,422.71	$ 500.00	$ 1,922.71
Georgia	3,645.82	600.00	4,245.82
Kentucky		500.00	500.00
Louisiana	3,416.63	600.00	4,016.63
North Carolina	1,500.00	1,100.00	2,600.00
South Carolina	1,249.98		1,249.98
Tennessee		107.46	107.46
Texas	1,041.65	650.00	1,691.65
	12,276.79	4,057.46	16,334.25
O.A.B. Taxes			141.70
			$ 16,475.95

Total Receipts	$ 39,950.00
Total Disbursements	16,475.95
Surplus	$ 23,474.05

EXHIBIT C

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC.
Atlanta, Georgia

Statement of Reeeipts and Disbursements - Central Office
January 1, 1954 to December 31, 1954

RECEIPTS

Balance, January 1, 1954		$ 260.98
Church Sources (Exhibit B)	$ 3,389.00	
Labor Sources (Exhibit B)	4,700.00	
Foundation Sources (Exhibit B)	7,860.00	
Organization Sources (Exhibit B)	148.26	
Individuals (Exhibit B)	1,620.04	
Members Dues	1,882.50	
Sale of Miscellaneous Literature	3,766.75	
New South Subscriptions	712.38	
Honoraria	1,085.63	
Interest Income	33.33	
Contribution from Foundation (for 1955)	10,000.00	
Fund for the Republic	81,200.00	
Transfer from Special Project	958.30	
Accounts Receivable - Sale of literature	718.45	
State Divisions	653.50	
Bank Loan	990.00	
Old checks - stopped payment	5.50	
Total Receipts		119,723.64
		$ 119,984.62

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC.
Atlanta, Georgia

DISBURSEMENTS

Salaries paid	$ 42,619.20	
Rent	1,335.00	
Travel	6,260.26	
Telephone & Telegraph	1,425.56	
Postage	718.43	
Books & Magazine subscriptions	248.69	
Accounting Fees	185.00	
Insurance	774.59	
Office Supplies	1,425.24	
Interest expense	.62	
O.A.B. Taxes	520.10	
Withholding Taxes (Dec. 1953)	219.10	
Georgia Sales Tax	17.06	
Bank charges	5.80	
1953 Accounts Payable	999.16	
Bank Loan	990.00	
Williamsburg Conference	2,828.34	
Consultants' Fees and Honoraria	1,382.10	
Office Equipment	666.10	
Office Alteration	1,680.24	
Annual Meeting Expense	1,473.88	
Paid to State Divisions	817.00	
Miscellaneous Expense	369.64	
Printing	6,587.73	
Total Disbursements		$ 73,548.84

Total Receipts:	$ 119,984.62
Total Disbursements	73,548.84
Balance, Dec. 31, 1954	$ 46,435.78

Represented by:

First National Bank, checking account	$ 6,435.78
C. $ S. Nat. Bank, savings account	40,000.00
	$ 46,435.78

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC.
Atlanta, Georgia

Bank Reconciliation Statement - First National Bank
December 31, 1954

Balance, per bank statement		$ 8,254.37
Less Checks outstanding:		
Number	Amount	
6404	$ 1.50	
6436	1.00	
6438	50.93	
6460	362.87	
6461	236.33	
6462	141.76	
6463	71.77	
6465	171.43	
6466	99.80	
6467	104.80	
6468	220.92	
6469	20.58	
6470	278.93	
6471	55.97	1,818.59
Balance, per books, December 31, 1954		$ 6,435.78

Bank Reconciliation Statement - Citizens Trust Co.
December 31, 1954

Balance, per bank statement		$ 6,490.05
Less outstanding checks:		
Number	Amount	
1591	$ 172.26	
1627	172.26	
1628	84.80	
1629	181.43	
1630	93.19	
1631	224.10	
1633	177.26	
1634	84.80	
1635	177.26	
1636	208.33	
1638	204.17	1,779.86
Balance, per books, December 31, 1954		$ 4,710.19

Schedule 1

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC.
Atlanta, Georgia

SCHEDULE OF ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE
December 31, 1954

American Heritage Project, N. C. Library Commission	$ 7.00
North Carolina Council on Human Relations	2.50
Mr. J.C. Evans, Civilian Ass't. Office of Assistant Secretary of Defense	2.50
The American Jewish Committee	5.20
Campus Book Store, University of Kentucky	7.30
Urban League of Portland, Oregon	7.86
Florida Normal and Industrial Memorial College	15.64
Mrs. T. R. Gooding, Miami, Florida	1.87
Mr. W. W. Law, Savannah, Ga., NAACP	14.00
National Education Association of the U.S.	62.37
Rev. C. Anderson Davis, Bluefield, W. Va.	4.20
Mrs. Earl D. Cotton, Arkansas Council of Church Women	15.75
Virginia Council of Churches	111.50
Dr. P. W. Hill, Clarksdale, Miss.	1.00
	$ 259.69

Schedule 2

SCHEDULE OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE
December 31, 1954

Vendor	Amount
Stein Printing Co.	$ 208.78
Southern Bell Tel. Co.	164.82
Western Union Tel. Co.	11.18
Elliott Addressing Co.	33.80
Ceco Stationery Co.	9.51
Office Supply Co.	30.88
Kee Lox Mfg. Co.	14.42
Mimeograph Co.	6.96
Burrell Press Clipping Co.	15.00
Mrs. M.E. Tilly, travel	7.12
	$ 502.47

Distribution:

Printing	$ 208.78
Office Supplies	95.57
Books & sub.	15.00
Travel	7.12
Telephone & Telegraph	176.00
	$ 502.47

Schedule 3

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC.
Atlanta, Georgia

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS
Special Projects

January 1, 1954 to December 31, 1954

FELLOWSHIP OF THE CONCERNED

Receipts		
Balance, January 1, 1954	$ 561.20	
John Hay Whitney Foundation	1,000.00	
Total Receipts		$ 1,561.20
Disbursements		
Salary and stenographic assistance	187.38	
Postage and supplies	2.83	
Total Disbursements		190.21
Balance, December 31, 1954		$ 1,370.99

Schedule 4

COMMISSION ON EQUAL PENALTIES

Receipts		
Balance, January 1, 1954	$ 3,815.93	
Individual Contribution	25.00	
Interest earned	20.22	
Travel refund	3.47	
Total Receipts		$ 3,864.62
Disbursements		
Travel	$ 1,794.64	
Salaries and subsistance - field staff	1,250.68	
Supplies	38.38	
Telephone	83.45	
Statistical report	317.95	
Miscellaneous	38.45	
Total disbursements		3,523.55
Balance, December 31, 1954		$ 341.07

Schedule 5

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC.
Atlanta, Georgia

Analysis of Receipts and Disbursements

State Divisions

January 1, 1954 to December 31, 1954

	Balance 1/1/54	Receipts	Disbursements	Balance 12/31/54
Tennessee		6.00		6.00
Alabama	$ 10.50	$159.50	$169.00	$ 1.00
Arkansas	4.50	20.00	16.50	8.00
Florida	10.50	109.50	90.50	29.50
Kentucky	1.50	55.50	54.00	3.00
Louisiana	1.50	12.50	8.00	6.00
Mississippi	9.50	95.50	96.00	9.00
North Carolina	10.00	96.50	106.50	-
South Carolina	10.50	98.50	86.50	22.50
Totals	$ 58.50	$653.50	$ 627.00	$ 85.00

Schedule 6

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ROOM 432, 63 AUBURN AVEN[illegible]A

GEORGE S. MITCHELL,
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

A Council to attain, through research and action, the ideals and practices of equal opportunity for all peoples in the South.

FILE COPY

Dear

The Southern Regional Council you remember under the terms of its present grant from the Fund for the Republic has to raise considerable sums of matching money. Thus far this year the staff has done pretty well. But we will be several thousand dollars short of the $40,000 we must raise (by September 30, 1955) unless we can find some new sources. A Finance Committee is being set up to do the long-range job.

Meanwhile, the Executive Committee of your Board, meeting February 17, 1955, resolved that each member of the Executive Committee should get or give a hundred dollars to the Council before September 30, and "we are asking the other members of the Board to join us."

'Tisn't immediate, but do make your calculations on raising or giving a hundred to the Council before September 30. Neither are you necessarily bound in such a matter by the action of the Executive Committee; if you don't want to you certainly don't have to! But the need is here, and we hope you can with several months notice find that much for the Council.

Sincerely,

Rufus E. Clement
Chairman
Executive Committee

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ROOM 432, 63 AUBURN AVEN

GEORGE S. MITCHELL,
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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A Council to attain, through research and action, the ideals and practices of equal opportunity for all peoples in the South.

Dear Board Member:

Here is some report for the months of January, February, and March, 1955.

TRAVEL AND SPEECHMAKING

Mrs. Tilly has worked with church women groups in Alabama, Mississippi, Georgia, and Florida. And she plans in the coming months to follow up the meeting the church women had by further work with her friends in their own areas.

Mrs. Hamilton represented the Council at a meeting of the National Civil Liberties Clearing House in Washington on March 17th and 18th.

Harold Fleming, among other trips, represented SRC at a planning meeting for the Aaronsburg Assembly in Pennsylwania.

Fred Routh in his rounds as organizational director, has been much called upon for policy advice, public and private.

C. H. Parrish helped with meetings in Virginia, Tennessee, Kentucky, Florida, and Arkansas.

George Mitchell travelled too much: Two or three times to Richmond in getting the Virginia Council on Human Relations started, and once each to Alabama and Florida for meetings of their Councils; to Detroit to preach at a Congregational church; to Washington for an NAACP Youth Legislative Conference; to Cincinnati for an annual banquet of its Urban League, to Chicago for meetings of school teachers and of the Council Against Discrimination, and for sessions with the chapters there and at Milwaukee of the American Jewish Committee; to Terre Haute to talk at St. Mary-of-the-Woods College; to Norfolk for an annual meeting of the Women's Interracial Committee; to Petersburg for a session with the local chapter of the Virginia Teachers Association; a fund-raising stop at a central Indiana city with speechmaking and incidentals; a talk at Miami to the King of Clubs; another at Louisville before a session of the Southern Police Institute; others before church groups in Sylacauga and Alexander City, Alabama. In Atlanta, a classroom talk or two at a local college and an appearance before a Georgia Tech faculty group would complete the list.

CHURCH WOMEN TO ATLANTA

Mrs. M. E. Tilly, in charge of women's work for SRC, invited into Atlanta for a two-day gathering February 24th and 25th, a conference of church women from the Southeast, meeting as the Fellowship of the Concerned.

The meeting was made possible by a grant of $1,000 to the Council from the John Hay Whitney Foundation.

The women who came in included 14 Southern Presbyterians, 19 Methodists, 7 Baptists, 4 Episcopalians, and scattered numbers of various other religious bodies. In all, every denomination in the South was represented, and also Catholic and Jewish faiths. Some came as from the state councils of church women, or as from the National Council of Churches, or from the YWCA. Eight or ten Negro church women were included among the group. A good proportion of the ladies were oppressed by the reluctance of ordinary middle class townspeople in their areas to discuss reasonably compliance with the Supreme Court's decision. But quite a number had arranged local church-sponsored discussion meetings at which the subject had been opened and plans had been made for ultimate compliance. Much of the meeting went into formulating clear, truthful, and reasonable answers to the twisted and fear-laden arguments which the women found current in their communities.

It was a good example of the way in which Southern people, religiously motivated, can plan together to get religion more deeply into the life of the South. Some few of the women will have got less than they hoped for from the meeting; but the great majority were pleased with the opportunity to exchange facts, ideas, and encouragement. By and large the note of the meeting was that quiet effort to bring the truth to the fore would succeed.

ATLANTA OFFICE - SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL

We have added to our information staff Mr. John Constable, Jr., who will assist Harold Fleming. Otherwise the central office remains as in our last account.

The Program Planning Committee from the Executive Committee of the Southern Regional Council has met periodically during the last several months with various staff members, and most phases of the Council's program have been reviewed and subject to comment and criticism. The Program Planning Committee reported to a meeting of the Executive Committee February 17th. Both the staff and the Executive Committee have found the reviews helpful, and they will continue.

The meeting of the Executive Committee authorized consideration of New Orleans as the place for the next November's annual meeting of the Board of SRC.

Incidentally, the Board has been strengthened in recent months by acceptances of membership on it received from Mr. Hollis Rinehart, an attorney in Miami, Florida; and also, previously unreported, Mr. Philip Hammer, a planning consultant, Atlanta, Georgia.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

The February meeting of the Executive Committee bestirred itself about the election of a Finance Committee. In subsequent events, Mr. Morton Weiss of Atlanta agreed to serve as Treasurer of the Council, and a number of people in this and other cities are being officially asked to serve on a Finance Committee. And a couple of leading editors in Southern cities have agreed to get in touch with suitable local citizens and ask them for contributions to the Council. In addition, the members of the Executive Committee undertook contributions of $100 apiece, and the recommendation is being made on behalf of the Executive Committee to all the Board members of the Council to contribute similarly. These are not great moves in themselves, but they indicate a firmer purpose to proceed with the task before us.

COMPANY

Visitors from abroad again. Listed because we are hoping to get some help in the matter of getting them informed.

Akira Iwai, Director, Planning Department, Japan National Railway Workers Union, Yokohama, Japan. Sponsored by the U. S. Department of Labor.

Yojiro Kurokawa, President, Central Executive Committee, Japan National Railway, Locomotive Engineers Union, Tokyo Japan. Sponsored by the U. S. Department of Labor.

Manjiro Mokumoto, President, Central Executive Committee, All Japan Express Workers Union, Tokyo, Japan. Sponsored by the U. S. Department of Labor.

Chuzi Koreeda, Chief, Organization Department, Japan Federation of Synthetic Chemical Workers Union, Hokkaido, Japan. Sponsored by the U. S. Department of Labor.

Jinsuke Mitsumura, Vice President, All Japan (Postal) Communication Workers Union, Tokyo, Japan. Sponsored by the U. S. Department of Labor.

Gensaku Sugiyama, Chief, Planning Division, Central Executive Committee All Telephone and Telegraph Workers Union, Tokyo, Japan. Sponsored by the U. D. Department of Labor.

Michael Adams, England. Journalist, British Broadcasting Corporation.

Clyde Sanger, Guildford, England. Journalist.

Andrew Bonar-Law, Fowey, Cornwall, England. British Army

S. Tas, Paris, France, Journalist.

Nicholas Chatelain, Paris, France. Correspondent for "Le Figaro."

Olaf Radkie, Attorney, Metalworkers Union, Frankfurt, Germany. Sponsored by State Department, Labor Exchange Program.

Werner Meyer, Editor, Fraekische Presse, Baureuth, Germany. Sponsored by the Governmental Affairs Institute.

Wilhelm Riepekohl, Neurnberg, Germany. Chief Editor of Fraenkische Tagespost. Sponsored by Governmental Affairs Instite.

R. H. Hafferkorn, 9 Eichendorffstrausse, Speyer 1 RHW. Germany, German Foreign Service Officer. Referred by the British Consulate in Atlanta.

Mrs. Hedwig Meermann, Moehringerstrasse 88, Tuttlingen, Germany. Member of State Committee of Social Democratic Women, a free lance journalist, and lecturer at the Tuttlingen Adult Education Center. Sponsored by the Governmental Affairs Institute.

Jean Bertrand, Chief, Division of Plans supplementing Social Security, French Department of Labor. Sponsored by Foreign Operations Administration, Washington, D. C.

Bernadette Faure, Division Chief of the Association of Metallurgy and Mines. Sponsored by Foreign Operations Administration, Washington, D. C.

Michel Cordeviola, Regional Inspector for Enforcement of Social Laws in Agriculture. Sponsored by Foreign Operations Administration.

Remy Moreau, Chief of the Methods Department of the "Phenix Vie" Insurance Co., 33 rue Lafayette, Paris. Sponsored by Foreign Operations Administration.

Andre Lienard, Actuary, Chief of the Group Insurance Department and Director of the Benefit Plan of "La Sequanaise" Insurance Company, 4 rue Jules Lefebvre, Paris 7 eme. Sponsored by Foreign Operations Administration.

STATES

Here is a rundown on the twelve.

Alabama

Had a good big once-a-year meeting February 8th at Montgomery. Total of 240 people there, and were more widely representative of the state than in any previous such meeting. Elected new officers. Chairman now Reverend Duncan Hunter, First Methodist Church, Alexander City. The Executive Secretary has been keeping a close watch on the Alabama upshoots of the white "Citizens' Councils." Dr. James Pierce, Professor of Sociology at Alabama State College, Montgomery, is serving as "consultant."

Arkansas

The Arkansas Council on Human Relations, after a careful screening of nine candidates, has employed as its Executive Director, effective April 15th, Mr. Nat Griswold, formerly field representative of the American Friends Service Committee, and as its half-time Associate Executive Director, Mr. Christopher Mercer, an attorney. They will open an office at Little Rock.

Florida

The Florida Council for Human Relations in the course of recent meetings has chosen a new set of volunteer officers. The new president is Dr. Paul F. Finner, 930 West Park Street, Tallahassee. Florida is actively seeking staff and should employ it within a short while.

Georgia

Mr. Wells, the Director, has continued to be greatly in demand as a speaker before local civic groups, interracial committees, and school and college assemblies.

Kentucky

The business about using consultants scattered over the state instead of loading their expenditures on to a single central office staff seems to work. The consultants have been doing things in more than twenty counties. The appropriate committee of the Kentucky Council on Human Relations has been working with school officials in the Louisville area and elsewhere on problems of desegregation.

Louisiana

The New Orleans group from the Louisiana Council met March 13th, with convincing evidence of purpose and skill. The problem is to extend the organization over the rest of the state. Apparently the next few months will go mainly into that effort.

Mississippi

Met some weeks in Jackson for their annual gathering. Reelected Rabbi Mantinband of Hattiesburg as chairman. Mrs. M. S. Lyells has been employed as Executive Director. An office has been opened in Jackson. Papers are moving along toward incorporation of the Mississippi Council on Human Relations under the Mississippi Statutes.

North Carolina

North Carolina is getting ready for its annual meeting April 26th at Raleigh. Dr. W. H. Brown of North Carolina College (Durham) is serving as "consultant." Trying to get local committees going over the state.

South Carolina

Most of the time has gone into knitting up friendships and understandings with state and local organizations such as AAUW, Leagues of women voters, PTAs, councils of church women, education associations, and school people.

Tennessee

The Council group in this state some weeks ago chose someone to be the principal staff person, but this office did not approve the selection. Partly in consequence, the Tennessee Council is shifting to the Kentucky plan, proposing to use a high-type clerical person in their central office, and the services of consultants widely spaced over the state. That probably fits the Tennessee situation better than the previous plan. It has the additional merit of requiring a sounder degree of preliminary organization before the Tennessee Council on Human Relations launches itself.

Texas

Met at Austin in late February with goodish attendance, drawn from widely scattered parts of the state, and representing religious, labor, education, and community groups. They have asked the Hogg Foundation, which specializes in matters of mental health, to inquire into the relationship of segregation and discrimination to problems of mental well-being.

Virginia

The Virginia Council on Human Relations was launched as an organization at a meeting in Richmond February 22nd. Thirty-some people of considerable distinction and representative of a wide variety of interest in the state had by that date agreed to be members of the small body which the Virginia Council will be. A clergyman at Staunton, Reverend W. Carroll Brooke, was chosen as temporary chairman, and committees were appointed to prepare by-laws, to nominate officers, and to select employed staff.

Dates of Staffing

All of which is to say that in each of twelve states in which we undertook to get going a statewide race relations agency, such an agency has been launched. The dates of their taking on paid staff will be of interest:

Arkansas - April 15, 1955
Alabama - October 1, 1954
Georgia - June 1, 1954
Kentucky - December 1, 1954*
Louisiana - June 1, 1954
Mississippi - January 1, 1955
North Carolina - October 1, 1954
South Carolina - October 1, 1954
Texas - November 1, 1954

*Arbitrary date!

That leaves Florida, Tennessee, and Virginia still unstaffed. Florida has picked its Executive. The others will come along in the next few weeks, and are better left to proceed soundly at their own pace.

Money-raising by the States

The states which got going with paid staff October 1, 1954, are required to raise on their own $1800 before September 30, 1955. Those which began later, smaller goals pro rata month for month.

As of March 31st, here are the approximate figures:

Organization	Goal	Amount Raised
Alabama Council on Human Relations	$1800	$ 811.80
Georgia Committee on Interracial Cooperation	1800	2,513.00
Kentucky Council on Human Relations	1500	182.00
Mississippi Council on Human Relations	1350	243.00
Louisiana Council on Human Relations	1800	970.00
North Carolina Council on Human Relations	1800	315.00
South Carolina Council on Human Relations	1800	1,008.50
Texas Commission on Race Relations	1650	1,100.00*
Tennessee Council on Human Relations	750	--

*Informal report

	Goal	Amount Raised
Arkansas Council on Human Relations	$ 825	--
Florida Council on Human Relations	750	--
Virginia Council on Human Relations	750	--

The four states which have raised nothing had not on March 31st employed staff.

For most of the states, considering that these first months have gone mainly into building their organizational lines, the results so far are encouraging and promise success in the matter of raising the amounts required in this first period of SNC aid. We do not by any means judge the program usefulness of a state council by its success in raising funds, but it is a matter to which we are required to be attentive.

CENTRAL OFFICE FINANCES

Miss Stoney's report, as Secretary-Treasurer, is attached.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl.

Emory University, Georgia
April 15, 1955

Dr. George S. Mitchell
Executive Director
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Sir:

An examination has been made of the books and records of the Southern Regional Council, Inc. for the period January 1, 1955 to March 31, 1955.

The following Exhibits and Schedules together with comments, comprise this report:

Exhibit A -	Balance Sheet, March 31, 1955
Exhibit B -	Statement of Receipts and Disbursements, Central Office
Exhibit C -	Statement of Receipts and Disbursements, State Organizations
Schedule 1 -	Bank Reconciliation - First National Bank, March 31, 1955
Schedule 2 -	Bank Reconciliation - Citizens Trust Company, March 31, 1955

COMMENTS

Cash In Bank - Central Office - $5,352.64
Cash In Bank - State Organizations - $4,259.06

All recorded receipts were traced to bank deposits and disbursements were compared with cancelled checks. Bank balances at March 31 were confirmed by correspondence with depositories. Schedules 1 and 2 contain details of the reconciliation of the two accounts.

Savings Accounts - $155,000.00

Savings certificates amounting to $60,000.00 were verified. Savings accounts amounting to $95,000.00 were confirmed by depository banks. Of the above amounts, $35,000.00 belongs to the Central Office and $120,000.00 to State Organizations.

Inventory - Pamphlets - $250.00

This amount represents pamphlets on hand at March 31, 1955 at cost.

Accrued Payroll Taxes - $1,658.84

This consists of Income Taxes withheld and Social Security taxes for March, 1955 for both the Central Office and State Organizations.

Accounts Payable - $1,444.15

These represent current operating expenses for March, which were paid in April.

Due to Special Projects - $1,020.86

The amounts shown in detail belong to the three groups specified on Exhibit A.

Advance Appropriation - $106,700.00

The advance from the Fund for the Republic covers operations for the next six months.

Surplus - $54,034.76

The substantial increase since December 31, 1954 is caused by an excess of the allocated amount for this quarter from the Fund for the Republic grant over the amount disbursed to State Organizations.

Exhibit C indicates that eight state organizations are set up with staff and three are in the process of organization.

In our opinion, the attached statements fairly reflect the financial condition at March 31, 1955, and results of operations for the three months ended March 31, 1955 of the Southern Regional Council, Inc.

Respectfully,

L E Campbell

L. E. Campbell, C.P.A.

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SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC.
Atlanta, Georgia
Balance Sheet
March 31, 1955

ASSETS

Cash In Bank - (Sch. 1)	$ 5,352.64	
Cash In Bank - State Organizations (Sch.2)	4,259.06	
Savings Accounts	155,000.00	
Inventory - Pamphlets	250.00	
		$ 164,861.70

LIABILITIES

Accrued Payroll Taxes		$ 1,658.84	
Accounts Payable		1,444.15	
Due to Special Projects:			
Commission on Equal Penalties	$341.07		
Fellowship of the Concerned	579.79		
State Divisions	100.00	1,020.86	
Georgia Sales Tax		3.09	
Advance Appropriation:			
Fund for the Republic		106,700.00	
Total Liabilities			$ 110,826.94
Surplus, March 31, 1955			$ 54,034.76

Exhibit A

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC.
Atlanta, Georgia

Statement of Receipts and Disbursements - Central Office
January 1, 1955 to March 31, 1955

RECEIPTS

Balance, January 1, 1955		$ 46,435.78
Contributions:		
Individuals	$ 995.00	
Organizations	1,600.00	
Churches	1,345.00	
Foundations	7,850.00	
Members Dues	26.00	
New South Subscriptions	972.50	
Interest Income	536.33	
Sale of Literature	1,486.64	
For State Divisions	28.00	
Honoraria	410.00	
Total Receipts		15,249.47
		$ 61,685.25

DISBURSEMENTS

Salaries Paid	$ 13,373.98	
Rent	315.00	
Travel	1,657.56	
Printing	2,333.97	
Telephone & Telegraph	309.68	
Postage	639.26	
OAB Taxes	240.61	
Georgia Sales Tax	4.54	
Bank charges	1.35	
Accounting Fees	90.00	
Books & Magazines	287.06	
Paid to State Divisions	13.00	
Executive Committee Meeting	224.99	
Office Equipment	401.51	
Office Supplies	281.37	
Miscellaneous	21.28	
1954 Accounts Payable	502.47	
Consultants' Fees	525.00	
Special Services	109.98	
Total Disbursements		21,332.61
Balance, March 31, 1955		$ 40,352.64

Represented by:

First National Bank - checking	$ 5,352.64
C & S Bank of Atlanta - savings	35,000.00
	$ 40,352.64

Exhibit B

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC.
Atlanta, Georgia

Statement of Receipts and Disbursements - State Organizations

January 1, 1955 to March 31, 1955

Receipts - Amounts Raised by Various State Organizations for their Local Use**

	Contributions	Members Dues	Sale of literature	Misc.	Total
Alabama	$ 134.80	$ 666.00	$ 90.60	$27.10	$918.50
Georgia	660.00	433.00			1093.00
Kentucky		100.00	18.40		118.40
Louisiana	450.00	417.00			867.00
Mississippi	54.00	189.00			243.00
North Carolina	100.00	156.00			256.00
South Carolina	420.49	435.50			855.99
Texas	No report				
Totals	$1819.29	$2396.50	$109.00	$27.10	$4351.89

**Taken from monthly reports of State Organizations

Disbursements - Amounts Disbursed to State Organizations from Fund for the Republic Grant

	Salaries	Local Expenses	Travel	Total
Alabama	$1,899.98	$ 500.00		$ 2,399.98
Florida			$407.58	407.58
Georgia	975.00			975.00
Kentucky	2,420.00	1,500.00		3,920.00
Louisiana	1,849.98	400.00		2,249.98
Mississippi	1,249.98	300.00		1,549.98
North Carolina	1,854.17	400.00		2,254.17
South Carolina	1,749.98	488.67		2,238.65
Tennessee		88.25	213.71	301.96
Texas	975.00	500.00		1,475.00
Virginia			513.78	513.78
	$12,974.09	$4,176.92	$1,135.07	$18,286.08
OAB Taxes				168.71
				$ 18,454.79

Exhibit C

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC.
Atlanta, Georgia

Bank Reconciliation Statement - First National Bank, Atlanta, Ga.

March 31, 1955

Balance, per bank statement		$7,290.64
Deduct outstanding checks		
Number	Amount	
6578	$ 10.00	
6589	3.00	
6590	10.00	
6637	4.00	
6666	2.50	
6672	2.97	
6683	4.31	
6686	354.54	
6687	247.73	
6688	155.25	
6689	116.32	
6690	226.65	
6691	237.73	
6692	177.26	
6693	104.80	
6696	104.72	
6697	20.58	
6698	28.80	
6699	25.84	
6701	96.00	
6702	5.00	1,938.00
Balance, per books, March 31, 1955		$ 5,352.64

Schedule 1

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC.
Atlanta, Georgia

Bank Reconciliation Statement - Citizens Trust Co., Atlanta, Ga.
March 31, 1955

Balance, per bank statement, March 31, 1955		$ 6,761.69
Deduct checks outstanding:		
Number	Amount	
1746	$ 3.50	
1754	15.00	
1759	177.26	
1777	25.49	
1785	26.44	
1786	177.26	
1787	84.80	
1788	177.26	
1789	93.19	
1790	104.80	
1791	120.00	
1792	177.26	
1793	84.80	
1794	172.26	
1796	89.80	
1797	177.26	
1798	204.16	
1799	102.09	
1800	50.00	
1801	440.00	
		$2,502.63
Balance, per books, March 31, 1955		$ 4,259.06

Schedule 2

Memo . . . FROM THE DESK OF

. . . . FRED B. ROUTH . . . .

20 July 55

Liz —

1. Please cut stencil
2. Mimeograph 65 copies
3. Prepare envelopes for all SRC Board members — other than State Chairmen or Ex-officio representatives
4. Have all set for GSM to sign on Friday afternoon

Thanks —

Fred.

Southern Re

ROOM 432, 63 AUBURN AVENU

GEORGE S. MITCHELL,
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

July 22, 1955

A Council to attain, through research and action, the ideals and practices of equal opportunity for all peoples in the South.

FILE COPY

Dear SRC Board Member:

The first grant period from the Fund for the Republic to SRC ends September 30, 1955. Our request for the second grant period must be in not later than August 20, 1955. It seems desirable to review and evaluate the program of the Council and of the various affiliated state organizations during the first grant period.

To that end, we ask that you be kind enough to send us your confidential evaluation of the operation within your own state. We would like to have a frank statement by you of your opinion of the effectiveness of the program; of the problems which have arisen; and any suggestions you may have for improving the state operation.

We hope that it will not be too great an imposition for you to send your comments to us sometime before August 5th.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

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ROOM 432, 63 AUBURN AVENU

GEORGE S. MITCHELL,
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

July 27, 1955

A Council to attain, through research and action, the ideals and practices of equal opportunity for all peoples in the South.

FILE COPY

Dear Board Member:

This quarter is April, May and June of 1955. It has been a busy period with the Supreme Court's final decrees in it and with our state groups going from the organizational stage into program.

STATE MEETINGS OF CHURCH WOMEN

During the quarter Mrs. Tilly carried through with state-wide meetings of church women, white and Negro, in Georgia, Alabama, and Louisiana. These were meetings of forty to sixty people in each state. The Alabama one was said to have been the first occasion when church women of both races had been together. That meeting had present significant leadership from the Christian Life Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention.

The Louisiana meeting brought over from Fayetteville, Arkansas, someone particularly well informed about the integrated high school in that town. These church women in all the meetings were courageous and of the best purposes, and were eager to be informed as to ways in which to achieve peaceful compliance with the Supreme Court's decision.

Other such state meetings of church women are planned by Mrs. Tilly for the coming Fall and Winter months.

CENTRAL OFFICE PERSONNEL INTO THE FIELD

C. H. Parrish and Frederick B. Routh were in nearly all of the states in the course of the quarter, and Harold Fleming and Mrs. Hamilton reached several.

Mr. Parrish, on special invitation, attended the Atlantic City Convention of the NAACP to advise on problems of implementation.

George Mitchell talked around at more occasions than was wise; but the opportunities to get the Council's point of view before the groups involved were tempting. Among them were a meeting of two Southern regions of the National Council of Negro Women, a meeting of the Associated Church Press, a public forum in Virginia, the National Association of Jeanes Teachers, the Executive Board meeting of the American Jewish Committee, a community-wide workshop on the Court's decision in Nashville, Tennessee, the National Conference of Social Work in San Francisco, and leadership training schools for the CIO in the Southeast and for the A. F. of L. in Kentucky.

INFORMATION SERVICES

New South, during the quarter, has interpreted the far-reaching legal developments affecting school and recreational segregation, and has published a comprehensive treatment of racial integration in professional baseball within the South. Each issue has contained one or more articles aimed specifically to stimulate and guide community action. Southern precedents for constructive local action have been promptly picked up and described in the pages of New South. Copies of each issue are mailed to those private and public leaders in the region who should have a particular concern with the subject matter. For example, the baseball issue was mailed to appropriate league and team officials and elicited interested reactions from several of them.

Within a few hours of the Supreme Court's ruling of May 31st, a statement went out to the press from the Council's president. Excerpts were widely used by the wire services and radio and television newscasters.

Following the implementation ruling, the central office was called upon by newspapermen for its usual function of interpreting and backgrounding the new development. The opportunity to reach public opinion through this means is considerable, since those consulting us include correspondents of the wire services, the major news magazines, and such national bellwethers as the New York Times and the Christian Science Monitor.

ORGANIZATION IN THE STATES

Eleven of the twelve states we now consider organized and going. Tennessee began with staff and program in June. Virginia began to pay its staff July 1. The one remaining state not yet staffed is Florida.

We append to this report an accurate list of the employed state professional staff and their office addresses. Another document is a current list of the membership of the Board of Directors of the Southern Regional Council. A third is a list of the SRC Executive Committee members.

State by-laws have been approved by this office for Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, and Tennessee. They are known to have been drafted for the other states, (Georgia, South Carolina, Texas, and Virginia), and we are asking these states to get in their final by-laws for approval.

TOWARD MORE ASSOCIATE DIRECTORS

In agreement with officers of the Fund for the Republic, we have forecast a situation for the coming fiscal year in which it will be possible for each of the states to employ a full-time Associate Director, and this plan was got out to all the states. Arkansas has already made an arrangement for its former half-time Associate Director to become full-time July 1st.

Tennessee and Kentucky will be little affected because of their even-steven arrangement about consultants. Virginia is already using a half-time associate director who, presumably, would not be available on a full-time basis. The other states are actively singling out appropriate persons to be associate directors. We expect that this plan will greatly strengthen the usefulness of the state organizations.

TWO TRAINING OCCASIONS

The state professional staffs have been brought together twice during the quarter. First at a two-day meeting at Camp New Hope in central North Carolina June 1, 2, and 3, and again at the Race Relations Institute at Fisk University June 27-July 9.

The North Carolina gathering gave an opportunity for each state to describe its intended program and the relationships in effect in the states between staff and boards of directors. These reports were critically examined by members of the central office staff, and in general sessions and in private conferences many agreements were made as to changes to be brought into being. An additional feature of the North Carolina meeting was the opportunity for the group to sit for a couple of hours with W. W. Alexander, who headed the former Commission on Interracial Cooperation from 1919 through 1943, and who talked most helpfully. The staff persons present were greatly strengthened by the understanding he gave them of the long roots a movement of this kind has in the South.

The Race Relations Institute at Fisk is now in its tenth year, and is a smoothly running conference, bringing in a rich succession of leadership people in intergroup relations. Some twenty of the members of the state staffs of SRC, including three or four board members from the states, were present, nearly all of them for the whole two weeks. Residing on the Fisk campus and taking their meals in the University commons, a great deal of opportunity was afforded for the staff people to broaden their understanding of the problems before them, and to exchange experiences and proposals in organization and program. Various members of the central office staff were present at times during the Fisk gathering, and the meeting was a substantial contribution to the training of state staff people.

INTERESTING DEVELOPMENT ON THE SCHOOL DESEGREGATION MATTER

Within the last two or three weeks a pattern has emerged which promises to spread rapidly in Southern communities. Local school boards are calling upon nominated citizens committees for advice as to means of complying with the Supreme Court's decision. These committees are by design drawn from persons of both races. Doubtless they will prove useful in bringing the school boards and public opinion in general around to action. Most important, they afford an opportunity for white and Negro persons in a spirit of equality to agree upon the policy and details involved.

It is just this ingredient of free consultation which has been lacking in nearly all Southern communities. The governor of North Carolina has recommended that all local communities in the state impanel local committees of this kind. Officially and unofficially local school boards have already been in conference of this kind in Tennessee, Virginia, Arkansas, and Oklahoma. One of the things urged on our state staff people at the Fisk gathering was that they further this movement in all communities in their various states.

PLEASING SMALL EVENT

Came into the office four Negro Congregational ministers and a white associate. Trouble at Wadley, Alabama. The college had announced months ago that it would be open to Negro students. None have as yet come. But there had been a ripple of excitement locally at that time.

June 20th. Some thirty-five Negro persons, many of them officials of the Congregational Church nationally, in the course of a tour of church installations had reached Southern Union College and had been quartered variously about for a night's stay and conference. One part of the quartering had offended local sympathies, and a smallish crowd of white toughs had gathered in the evening and demanded that the Negro group leave town within half an hour. The college attempted to reach the governor and the sheriff without success. Talked to the mayor and were rebuffed. As no protection was available, and as the college is well outside of a minute hamlet in notably difficult country, decision was taken that the delegation would leave, though at an hour markedly later than the appointed deadline. The group had come on to a stated meeting in Atlanta and were concerned here to devise suitable corrective action. One among their number brought them to SRC's office.

We suggested a plan under which Bob Hughes, SRC's state man at Montgomery, Alabama, would go to the town, collect the story in detail, and arrange for a conference in the Governor's office, of those concerned, with a view to getting the governor to make it plain to Wadley officialdom that Negro rights would be protected in the area.

It was left that if the delegation desired service of this kind, they would request it on return of one of their number to Birmingham next day.

Precautionarily, we called Hughes in Montgomery to apprise him of the matter. When we got to his office, the young lady in the office said, "I am sorry, Mr. Hughes is not here; he has gone to Wadley; there is some trouble up there at a college."

Subsequent news is that Hughes got in the mayor and other leading citizens of Wadley and set up a Wadley Council on Human Relations. The mayor has said that people's rights would be respected, and the governor has undertaken similarly. It seems assured that on the next visit of the delegation matters will go smoothly.

FRANK LOESCHER'S VISIT

In accordance with our invitation when we arranged the North Carolina gathering, Frank Loescher came down from the Fund for the Republic and was present for the whole meeting. Subsequently he visited the Atlanta office,and in his travels talked with staff and some board people variously in Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi, Arkansas, Louisiana, Texas, and North Carolina. So Frank Loescher will have a fresh appraisal of the program matters in the central office and in the representative groups in the states.

MORE TRAINING NEEDED

We can see coming up as a major need for the coming fiscal year more teaching of state staff and state board people on ways of getting their programs accomplished. The press of change in the last year has coincided with our problem of getting the state movements organized, and immature state groups are having to wrestle with situations which would try to the utmost the skill of experienced bodies. We think the matter can be amended by rapid training of state people in the specialty skills involved.

STATE NOTES

Alabama has permanent officers for four of its district organizations. Membership is now in excess of 300. A state newsletter goes out to all members. Special work has been done with ministerial associations in towns where relationships have been particularly strained.

The staff in Arkansas is scattering usefully over the state reaching a considerable variety of local bodies and, in a number of instances, is directly advising local and state school officials.

Georgia continues, as heretofore, with a program of enlightening citizens groups.

Kentucky has entered a year-end spurt in organization, and with a new temporary executive director is working hard on membership and fund-raising. The consultants are being actively used by local school officials and citizens groups. In the county surrounding Louisville, the Kentucky body has encouragement toward getting a single suburban community to desegregate the schools voluntarily in September, 1955.

In Louisiana the director has carried through a series of radio programs on good human relations, and is building locality organizations.

The staff in Mississippi has put in some helpful appearances with Negro PTA's and teacher's groups, and is seeking out those people in the state who are willing to assist in upholding the Supreme Court's decision.

In North Carolina the state Council, in a public statement, asked for the wisdom of leadership in the state in countering Mr. Bryant Bowles, of the National Association for the Advancement of White People, who had held a meeting in Charlotte. Work is being considered on a pilot project for desegregation in the mountain counties. The state organization has received clearance from the North Carolina Department of Welfare for a fund-raising effort, and is bringing in new members and new resources.

South Carolina has increased and strengthened its board, has chosen a new chairman, and is working actively with a policy committee of the board.

Tennessee has employed an office manager, stationed at Chattanooga, and has selected ten consultants -- five white and five Negro. They have been active already in seven counties, working with school superintendents. The State Board of Education has given a green light to local communities toward desegregation. A workshop has been held and sound procedures are felt to be underway.

In re Texas, a principal event was a conference at Fisk between two of the members of the Board of the Texas Commission on Race Relations and the Executive Director of the Texas group with the Executive Director of SRC. Such weaknesses as had appeared, both in the Board and in the staff, in the Texas body were explored and careful plans were made for amendment.

Virginia is just getting started staff-wise, but has good staff and good prospects.

Florida is still seeking suitable professional staff, but members of the board are being called in for aid on particular situations.

FINANCES

Miss Stoney's report, as Secretary-Treasurer, is attached.

The Atlanta office has moderately surpassed its fund-raising requirement for the first eighteen months ($40,000). We will be pressed to meet our commitments in the final months of the year, but expect to get through.

Miss Stoney has made time in recent weeks to travel out to the Alabama and South Carolina offices for careful instruction of the clerical staff in reporting and other procedures. She has similarly worked with the Georgia and Tennessee offices.

STAFF CHANGES

Mrs. Grace Towns Hamilton, Assistant Director for Program, is returning shortly to her former position as Executive Secretary of the Atlanta Urban League.

Katherine Stoney, our Secretary-Treasurer, will leave us July 15th. Her successor has not yet been formally selected, but arrangements are being made for the interim staffing of the position of Secretary-Treasurer.

We have been assisted clerically in the summer months by members of the Internes in Industry Project of the American Friends Service Committee, now at Morehouse College in Atlanta.

The information staff has added Mr. John Constable as Editorial Assistant.

Mr. C. H. Parrish, Assistant Director for State Organizations, ordinarily stationed at Louisville, Kentucky, and serving on a per diem basis, is in the central office for the months of June and July full-time.

FOREIGN VISITORS

For the record:

Felix V. Makasiar - Judge, District Court, Professor of Law and Director of the Foreign Affairs Association of the Philippines.

Stig Lundgren - Organizational Secretary, Social Democratic Labor Party, Sweden. Sponsored by the International Exchange Project, New York.

Jaipaul - Public Relations Officer for the Congress Party, Indian Parliament, India. Governmental Affairs Institute, Washington, D. C.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilhelm Kaeber - Mr. Kaeber is floor leader of the Social Democratic Party in the State Legislature of Schleswig-Holstein, Germany. Sponsored by the Governmental Affairs Institute, Washington, D. C.

John Kernan - Missionary, South Africa.

Kenneth Lamb - Lecturer, London, England

O. F. Raum - Professor, Native College, Capehart, South Africa

K. B. Anderson - Principal of a Folk School, Denmark.

John S. Grant - Forest Ranger, Scotland.

Rolf-Gutbrod - Professor of Architecture, Germany.

D'Arco Silvio Avalle - Professor, Milano, Italy. Sponsored by the John Hay Whitney Foundation.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Clark - Montreal Star, Canada.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND BOARD

The Executive Committee met helpfully on May 26th, reviewing with unusual care the policies and program of the agency. A special meeting of the Executive Committee will be held in August at Mammoth Cave, Kentucky, where it is expected that the meeting can continue for two or three days and go still further in linking the Committee to policy. Tentative agreement has been reached that the Board will convene next Autumn, for the first time not in Atlanta, but in Tuskegee, Alabama.

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Encls: List of Employed state professional staff
List of Board members of SRC
List of Executive Committee of SRC
SRC Finance Report (April 1 - June 30, 1955)

Atlanta, Georgia
July 12, 1955

Dr. George S. Mitchell
Executive Director
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Sir:

An examination has been made of the books and records of the Southern Regional Council, Inc., for the period of April 1, 1955 to June 30, 1955. The following Exhibits and Schedules, together with comments, constitute our report:

Exhibit A - Balance Sheet, June 30, 1955
Exhibit B - Statement of Receipts and Disbursements - Central Office
Exhibit C - Statement of Receipts and Disbursements - State Organizations
Schedule 1 - Analysis of Contributions for Six Months
Schedule 2 - Reconciliation Statement - First National Bank
Schedule 3 - Reconciliation Statement - Citizens Trust Co.
Schedule 4 - Accounts Payable, June 30, 1955

COMMENTS

Cash In Bank - Central Office - $2771.69
Cash In Bank - State Organizations -$8672.00

All recorded receipts were traced to bank deposit statements and disbursements were compared with cancelled checks. Bank balances at June 30, 1955 were confirmed by correspondence with the depositories. Schedule 2 and 3 show the details of the reconciliations.

Savings Accounts -$110,251.25

Savings certificates amounting to $60,000. were counted. Savings accounts with banks were confirmed by correspondence. Interest to June 30, 1955 has been taken up on the books.

Accrued Payroll Taxes - $1770.54

This account consists of income tax withholdings and social security taxes for June for both the Central office and the State Organizations.

Accounts Payable - $1,339.68

Schedule 4 lists the creditors and amounts at June 30, 1955. These have been paid in July.

Advance Appropriations - $52,100.00

This consists of an advance from the Fund for the Republic for the next three months.

Surplus - $66,004.90

As was indicated in the report for the previous quarter, the increase of approximately $12,000. is the result of an excess of the allocated amount from the grant for the quarter over disbursements for State Organizations.

Schedule 1 shows an analysis of the principal sources of Contributions by quarters for the six months ended June 30, 1955 - these sources are in addition to the Fund for the Republic grant.

In our opinion, the attached statements reflect fairly the financial condition at June 30, 1955 and results of operations for the three months ended June 30, 1955 of the Southern Regional Council, Inc.

Respectfully,

L. E. Campbell

L. E. Campbell, CPA

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SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC.
Atlanta, Georgia

BALANCE SHEET
June 30, 1955

ASSETS

Cash In Bank - Central Office (Sch. 2)	$ 2771.69	
Cash In Bank - State Organizations (Sch.3)	8672.00	
Savings Accounts	110251.25	
Inventory - Pamphlets	250.00	
Total Assets		$ 121944.94

LIABILITIES

Accrued Payroll Taxes		$ 1770.54	
Accounts Payable (Sch. 4)		1339.68	
Due to Special Projects:			
Commission on Equal Penalties	$341.07		
Fellowship of Concerned	285.75		
State Divisions	103.00	729.82	
Advance Appropriation:			
Fund for the Republic		52100.00	
Total Liabilities			55940.04

NET WORTH

Surplus, June 30, 1955	66004.90
Total Liabilities and Surplus	$ 121944.94

EXHIBIT A

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC.
Atlanta, Georgia

Statement of Receipts and Disbursements - Central Office
April 1, 1955 to June 30, 1955

RECEIPTS

Balance, April 1, 1955		$ 40,352.64
Contributions:		
Individuals	$ 369.00	
Organizations	2375.00	
Churches	775.00	
Foundations	500.00	
Members Dues	245.00	
New South Subscriptions	1166.50	
Sale of literature	957.56	
Honoraria	125.00	
Interest earned	1457.25	
For State Divisions	3.00	
Transfer from Citizens Trust Co.	801.50	8,774.81
Total Receipts		49,127.45

DISBURSEMENTS

Salaries paid	$ 14,561.50	
Rent	315.00	
Travel	1,223.01	
Printing	1,890.94	
Telephone & Telegraph	543.72	
Postage	289.23	
O.A.B. Taxes	280.18	
Georgia Sales Tax	8.23	
Bank charges	.70	
Accounting Fees	60.00	
Books & Magazines	228.51	
Executive Committee meetings	381.21	
Office Equipment & Repairs	13.01	
Office Supplies	581.28	
Consultants Fees	434.50	
Special Services	288.49	
Miscellaneous	5.00	
Total Disbursements		21,104.51
Balance, June 30, 1955		$ 28,022.94

Represented by:

First National Bank - checking account	$ 2771.69
C&S Bank of Atlanta - savings account	25251.25
	$ 28022.94

EXHIBIT B

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC.
Atlanta, Georgia

Statement of Receipts and Disbursements - State Organizations
April 1, 1955 to June 30, 1955

Receipts - Amounts raised by State Organizations for their Local Use*

	Contri-butions	Members Dues	Sale liter.	Misc.	Refunds	Total
Alabama	$ 78.40	$453.00	$ 28.30	$	$ 5.00	$564.70
Arkansas		127.00	13.75			140.75
Georgia	376.00	286.00				662.00
Kentucky		240.00	112.61	1.39		354.00
Louisiana	205.00	232.00		118.25		555.25
Mississippi	63.94	251.50		6.24		321.68
North Carolina	45.00	330.00	53.95	159.00		587.95
South Carolina	11.50	125.00	5.22			141.72
Texas	130.00	111.00	38.85			279.85
	909.84	2155.50	252.68	284.88	5.00	3607.90

*Taken from monthly reports

Disbursements - Amounts disbursed to State Organizations from Fund for the Republic Grant

	Salaries	Consultant Fees	Local Expenses	Travel *	Total
Alabama	$1694.98	$ 140.00	$1000.00	$	$2834.98
Arkansas	1471.38		1200.00		2671.38
Florida				185.02	185.02
Georgia	1666.66				1666.66
Kentucky	2066.66	840.00	500.00		3406.66
Louisiana	1874.98		800.00		2674.98
Mississippi	1682.68		1500.00		3182.68
North Carolina	1650.00		1580.00		3230.00
South Carolina	1978.03		500.00		2478.03
Tennessee	251.91		619.32	514.44	1385.67
Texas	1874.98		1650.00		3524.98
Virginia			1528.10	145.23	1673.33
Totals	$ 16212.26	$ 980.00	$10877.42	$ 844.69	$ 28914.37

Tennessee staff began middle of June
Virginia staff to begin July 1

EXHIBIT C

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC.
Atlanta, Georgia

Analysis of Contributions for Six Months ended June 30, 1955

	First Quarter	Second Quarter	Total for Six Months
Church Sources:			
Methodist			
Board of Education	$	$ 300.00	$ 300.00
Dept. National Missions		250.00	250.00
WSCS, Louisville Conference	25.00		25.00
WSCS, Kentucky Conference	25.00		25.00
WSCS, Glenn Mem. Church, Atlanta		25.00	25.00
Presbyterian			
Board of National Missions, Presbyterian Church, USA	250.00		250.00
Board of Church Extension, Presbyterian Church, US		200.00	200.00
Episcopal			
National Council, Protestant Episcopal Church	1000.00		1000.00
Disciples Peace Foundation	25.00		25.00
Fisk University Church	20.00		20.00
Total Church Sources	1345.00	775.00	$2120.00
Organization Sources:			
International Ladies' Garment Workers - AFL	500.00		500.00
American Federation of Labor	1000.00		1000.00
United Rubber Workers - CIO	100.00		100.00
United Auto Workers - CIO		1000.00	1000.00
United Steelworkers - CIO		1000.00	1000.00
Congress of Industrial Organizations		375.00	375.00
Total Organization Sources	$ 1600.00	$ 2375.00	$ 3975.00
Foundation Sources:			
Sigmund Silberman Foundation		300.00	300.00
Sidney Hillman Foundation		200.00	200.00
Miller & Rhoades Foundation	200.00		200.00
Marion R. Ascoli Fund	300.00		300.00
Edgar Stern Family Fund	300.00		300.00
Rita H. Aronstam Foundation	50.00		50.00
Field Foundation	7000.00		7000.00
Doris Duke Foundation (rec'd in 1954 for 1955)	10000.00		10000.00
Total Foundation Sources:	17850.00	500.00	18350.00

Schedule 1

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC.
Atlanta, Georgia

Reconciliation Statement - First National Bank
Atlanta, Georgia
June 30, 1955

Balance in bank		$ 4543.72
Less checks outstanding:		
Number	Amount	
6866	$ 5.67	
6880	4.00	
6892	7.50	
6895	55.99	
6901	1.70	
6905	326.40	
6907	362.87	
6908	247.73	
6909	155.25	
6910	237.73	
6911	104.80	
6913	143.43	
6914	35.28	
6915	55.00	
6916	28.68	1772.03
Balance per books, June 30, 1955		$ 2771.69

Schedule 2

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC.
Atlanta, Georgia

Reconciliation Statement - Citizens Trust Company
June 30, 1955

Balance, per bank		$ 13,870.30
Less checks outstanding:		
Number	Amount	
1832	$ 8.40	
1950	5.52	
1962	7.20	
1965	18.00	
1966	186.43	
1967	500.00	
1968	182.26	
1969	84.80	
1970	182.26	
1971	88.19	
1972	94.80	
1973	177.26	
1975	93.19	
1977	186.43	
1978	104.80	
1979	120.00	
1980	177.26	
1981	88.19	
1982	172.26	
1983	102.09	
1984	219.10	
1985	89.80	
1986	177.26	
1987	79.80	
1988	204.16	
1989	102.09	
1990	246.75	
1991	1500.00	
		5,198.30
Balance, per books, June 30, 1955		8,672.00

Schedule 3

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC.
Atlanta, Georgia

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE AS OF JUNE 30, 1955

Southern Bell Telephone & Telegraph Co.	$ 217.34
Eastern Airlines	1002.67
Avis Rent-A-Car System	18.97
Ivan Allen Co.	1.03
Office Supply Co.	9.65
Mimeograph Co.	18.23
Industrial Paper Corp.	13.66
Elliott Addressing Machine Co.	15.74
Burrelle's Press Clipping Bureau	15.00
Russell Sage Foundation	3.00
American Association of Social Workers	5.00
St. Louis League of Women Voters	4.00
Harper & Brothers	3.75
Rich's Inc.	5.15
Georgia Sales Tax	1.48
	$ 1339.68

Schedule 4

THE SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Abram, Morris
515 Healey Building
Atlanta

Birnie, C. Maxwell
864 Hunter Street, S. W.
Atlanta

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216 Flatiron Building
Knoxville, Tennessee

Clement, Rufus E.
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Atlanta

Dent, Albert W.
Dillard University
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Griffin, John A.
Emory University
Emory University, Ga.

Haas, Leonard
Haas-Howell Building
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Hancock, Gordon B.
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Richmond, Virginia

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Decatur, Georgia

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Atlanta, Georgia

Wright, Marion A.
"Top Knot"
Linville Falls, North Carolina

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SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Abram, Morris B.	Attorney	Healey Bldg., Atlanta, Ga.
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Trenholm, H. C.%	Educator	Alabama State College, Montgomery, Ala.
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Weiss, Morton	Businessman	182 Marietta St., Atlanta, Ga.
Wellons, R. D.#	Educator	Pembroke College, Pembroke, N. C.
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* SRC Officer

\# Ex-officio

% State representative

**Employed for the summer months in the Kentucky program, and therefore for the summer months on the Board of SRC.

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SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC.
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Alabama Council on Human Relations

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First Methodist Church
Alexander City

Rev. Robert E. Hughes, Exec. Dir.
Moore Building, Room 206
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Montgomery

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Mr. Fred Darragh, Chairman
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Mr. Nat Griswold, Exec. Dir.
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Hampton Institute
Hampton (half-time)

For "Report to the Board" File
8/15/55

QUARTERLY REPORTS

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NOTE: THIS IS THE REPORT WHICH IS REVISED TO BE SENT TO SRC BOARD MEMBERS.

Southern [redacted] Council, Inc.
63 AUBURN [redacted] 3, GEORGIA

FILE COPY

October 13, 1955 mailed

Dear Board Member

Your comments, criticisms, and suggestions for program are cordially invited; either to me or to Marion Wright at Linville Falls, North Carolina.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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QUARTERLY REPORT

July, August, September, 1955

Enlisting Other Support

At this turn in events, some speechmaking by SRC staff is unavoidable. One or the other of us has serviced quite a number of church gatherings; human relations institutes; and labor leadership training meetings.

The church groups were meetings of Methodist women at Kansas City; of the Northern Presbyterians in New York; and the various Southern church groups with which Mrs. Tilly has worked closely. The institutes included that at Fisk University, one at Ann Arbor, Michigan, one at New York University, and one at Toledo. For the labor movement, a week was spent with a select group from the A. F. of L. in the Southwestern states (Fayetteville, Arkansas), and a week at Charlottesville, Virginia, for the Southeastern group. Mitchell used an A. F. of L. School in Arizona as his vacation. The last of all the labor groups was in mid-September for the CIO leadership of the upper South, meeting at Junaluska.

Fred Routh, who is the regional chairman for the National Association of Intergroup Relations Officials, and therefore is a member of its Board, attended NAIRO's Board meeting while on his vacation. He also participated at a meeting of the Executive Secretaries of the Southern states' Negro Teacher Associations held in Nashville.

Just plain speeches would include one for the Atlanta University Summer School, and another for the alumni of Tuskegee Institute.

Sale of Literature

In this quarterly period, we took a considerable plunge and reprinted 5,000 copies of Changing Patterns in the New South. We had already sold out a first printing of 5,000. We are making strong efforts to get the new availability of Changing Patterns known, and at the time of writing it is moving out at its standard 50¢ in good volume.

Answers for Action, of which we have printed altogether 31,000, is now down to 600 on our shelves and is still moving.

These have been our two current items, and except for much older things we have little in stock, except for the currently appearing issues of New South.

As we have paid entirely in this fiscal year for the second printing of Changing Patterns, whatever comes in next year on selling the remaining 4,000 or so will be net gain to our budget.

Changes in the Information Program

Staff. During recent weeks, we have completed the information staff contemplated within the terms of a special grant from the Doris Duke Foundation. Miss Florence Irving of Raleigh, North Carolina, has been employed as Research Assistant, and is currently perfecting our collection of information and reference materials. Improvement in the sorting and analysis of this running record of Southern developments will assist us internally as well as in our dealings with the press and other persons and groups needing the facts.

Distribution of Materials. During the last quarter we have given selective distribution to several useful books and pamphlets. Fifty copies of The Strange Career of Jim Crow, furnished by the Fund for the Republic, were distributed to key persons in our state organizations. A comparable number of copies of Morroe Berger's Equality by Statute, made available by the American Jewish Committee, were sent to state attorneys general and other appropriate individuals. Additional copies of The Negro and the Schools and Schools in Transition were supplied to the state affiliates for program use. Three thousand copies of the summary report "Desegregation in the Baltimore City Schools" are in the process of distribution through the same channels, as are several hundred copies of the Report of the Fund for the Republic. In addition to its routine circulation, each issue of New South is circulated to a selected list of public officials and private individuals who should be especially interested in the particular subject treated.

Work With the Press. In the last three months, the information staff has given special assistance to various newspaper and magazine writers. We were able in this way to get our point of view incorporated into feature stories and articles reaching a mass audience within the South and beyond. Most notable were two lengthy articles circulated by Associated Press Newsfeatures and printed by newspapers throughout the country. Incidentally, the text of an excellent statement by William Faulkner, supplied to the writer by us, was thus given wide and helpful publicity.

Mrs. Tilly's Work With Church Women

Led a week's Workshop on Human Relations at a School of Missions at Emory University. Taught a course on Human Relations at two Youth Camps. Spoke to the Missionary Union at the Morningside Baptist Church, and another group (same church) at a Wednesday evening prayer meeting. Also spoke to a Sunday school class at Decatur Baptist Church.

Prepared the material and directed a two-day's Retreat for United Church Women of Georgia on "Spiritual Foundations for Social Action." Participated in two seminars for Methodist women, leading discussion on "The Things That Belong to Peace" -- one of these in Atlanta and the other in north Georgia. At the latter 41 towns and communities were represented.

Prepared the material and guided a two-day's workshop on human relations for Church Women of Florida -- 65 state leaders present from 21 towns -- representing twelve branches of the Church.

Spent a day in Alabama, planning follow-up meetings of the Spring meeting of the "Fellowship of the Concerned."

Executive Committee

The one meeting of the Executive Committee in this quarter departed widely from all previous ones. The Committee drew off to Mammoth Cave, Kentucky, where they hoped for full attendance and a meeting stretching over parts of three days, allowing time for the unheard-of luxury of full discussion. For mechanical reasons, related to our budget, the meeting had to be at an awkward time in late August, and in the end only a bare quorum got there. But, having more time paid off handsomely. The Committee had available the careful planning report which Mrs. Hamilton had made in her period of service as Assistant Director for Program. Full analysis and discussion of her report opened many administrative and program issues. From one point of view, the main achievement of the meeting was putting into shape our screed to the Fund for the Republic for continuance of aid in the fiscal year, beginning October 1, 1955. But many possible avenues of aid in the general situation in the South were soundly discussed. In the end, the Committee resolved to continue giving more time to discharge of its responsibilities. They liked the arrangement for meeting away from the central office, and called for a schedule of such meetings at a variety of points over the South.

New Administrative Assistant

A persistent recommendation on the staffing of the central office has been the employment of an administrative assistant to have charge of budgets and fiscal analysis for the central office, and for the reports coming in from the states. He will be expected to provide answers, in the absence of the Executive Director, to a variety of administrative questions. The Executive Committee, at the Mammoth Cave meeting, was at pains to prepare for the filling of this position by October 1, 1955. The man selected is Mr. G. S. Alexander, of Columbus, Georgia. He was a former Bursar at Morehouse College, and has had interesting and not dissimilar administrative experience. In the loss of Miss Katherine Stoney, it is expected that Mr. Alexander can pick up some portion of the administrative load which Miss Stoney so ably carried.

Other Personnel Changes

Mrs. Ruth House Alexander has succeeded Miss Katherine Stoney as acting Secretary-Treasurer.

Miss Florence Irving has come on to the staff as Research Assistant. She is a Raleigh lady, with degrees from Spelman and the University of Chicago, and a variety of interesting jobs to her credit.

Two new secretaries are Miss Yvonne Southall and Mrs. Ruby Hamilton.

State Notes

Florida employed staff August 15th. The Executive Director is Mr. William K. Williams. A graduate of the Human Relations Department at the University of Miami, and a Methodist minister. The Associate Director is Mr. Howard D. Roberts of Jacksonville, who has had good training in the field of social work (M. A. - Atlanta University). They have opened an office at Daytona Beach.

Alabama has built up a membership in excess of 300 and continues to strengthen its district organizations. It now circulates a newsletter to its members.

Arkansas now uses the services of a full-time Executive Director and a full-time Associate Director. They helped in the Hoxie situation.

Georgia has just employed as half-time Associate Director, Dr. Mozell Hill of the Sociology Department at Atlanta University. In addition, they will use the services of three part-time consultants at scattered places in the state.

Kentucky's temporary use of a full-time Executive Director worked out well. They built up membership, brought in funds, and continue to work serviceably to the state through their consultants.

The Executive Director of the Louisiana Council on Human Relations has been ill, but notwithstanding his illness, organization and program have proceeded, particularly in the New Orleans area.

Mississippi has 175 members -- raised their funds -- integrated staff -- added Mrs. James Burt as Associate Director.

North Carolina is working on forming new local councils -- consulting with local ministerial associations.

South Carolina has a new state chairman, Mr. Claude Evans of Columbia, the editor of a church paper, The Methodist Advocate. They have also taken on an Associate Director, Mr. J. T. McCain, at Columbia. Have 275 members.

Tennessee continues with remarkable success its program of county visits by consultants.

Texas now has integrated staff -- added Mr. Kenneth Holbert, Negro attorney, as Associate Director. Working to expose White Citizens Councils.

Virginia has an appealing plan for sending local school board members on tours of areas where integration has succeeded, and they are seeking independent funds for that purpose. Good staff, pleasant office in Richmond, good Board, a promising effort.

A Push Toward Implementation

The staff and various members of the Executive Committee have done a lot of thinking during the Summer months on ways to speed acceptance of the Supreme Court's decision. We concluded broadly that our application to the Ford Foundation for assistance in setting up twelve state organizations (an application originally made in 1951) had been made in time for the state organizations to get soundly going before the period of implementation would be upon them. Though we were in the end helped by the Fund for the Republic (and quite generously), the aid did not become available to us in the central office until April, 1954, and in most of the states was not effectively available until October, 1954. Some few of the states got going in October, and others trailed along in picking up paid staff until dates well along in 1955. So that the local machinery available to the Southern Regional Council is in most places new and quite naturally is much concerned with its own problems of organization and finances. Thus events have telescoped into a single period of time the double task in the states of organizing to get the work done, and of doing the work.

Most of the states have shown magnificent effort and ingenuity in accomplishing portions of each task. Our own effort has been to find ways to help them do even more of the implementation job. We concluded that about the best contribution we could make would be to bring to bear on the state staffs and on the state boards the careful and informed thinking of a handful of trained persons in social science, who might serve as consultants to the central office of the Southern Regional Council, assignable out to make arranged-for contacts in the various states. Toward shaping up a program of this kind, Mr. Parrish, as Assistant Director for State Organizations, convened at Atlanta University early in August, a notable dozen of such possible consultants in a

two-day meeting where program and possibilities of the Southern Regional Council were laid before the group, and suggestions and criticisms were invited as to the best use to make of the machinery available. Incisive criticism was laid on the Board. Constructive proposals came forward in appreciated measure. Those of us on the staff who sat through the meetings were greatly cheered at their end to understand the rich resources in knowledge and experience and judgment that could be brought to bear on this major Southern matter.

And we went out from the meeting resolved to try to find a way to bring that competence to bear.

The result was that we added to our normal application to the Fund for the Republic for the second installment of covenanted grant, a request for an additional $30,000 to enable us to carry through with this program. Unfortunately, the request for the additional sum has not succeeded, and the staff is searching currently for other possibilities for financing what seems a most promising contribution toward knowledgeably done public school integration.

The Close of a Fiscal Year

September 30 marks the end of the first eighteen months grant period of assistance from the Fund for the Republic. Mrs. Alexander's report, as Secretary-Treasurer, comes forward in detail. Meanwhile, it can be pointed out that the Southern Regional Council was required to raise independently of the Fund for the Republic in this first grant period $40,000, and has actually raised $47,000.

In the coming grant period of twelve months, we must put together $55,000 on our own. It will need the earnest support of our Board members to enable this to succeed.

GSM/eab
10/13/55

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GEORGE S. MITCHELL,
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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October 19, 1955

FILE COPY

Dear Executive Committee Member:

Here's a budget for all we think it would be rightful to spend, and how, for this fiscal year. The meeting October 28th-29th should be prepared to recommend a budget to the Board, which meets November 9th.

We think somewhere around $65,500 of this budget can be got together. Where the other $25,000 - $30,000 is to come from the staff does not know.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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Encl.

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SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL

PROPOSED BUDGET

For fiscal year - October 1, 1955 - September 30, 1956; and comparison with actual expenditures for 12 month period September 1, 1954 - August 31, 1955.

CENTRAL OFFICE ONLY

EXPENSES:	ACTUAL 1954 - 1955	PROPOSED 1955 - 1956
Salaries Central Office	$ 57,404.94	$ 61,600.00
Social Security Tax	760.57	800.00
Travel	6,945.15	7,500.00
Printing	10,528.10	8,500.00
Rent	1,335.00	1,680.00
Telephone & Telegraph	1,813.01	2,500.00
Postage	1,378.17	2,000.00
Books & Subscriptions	905.99	300.00
Accounting Fees	420.00	500.00
Insurance & Misc. Expense	170.51	300.00
Office Supplies	4,807.58	2,900.00
Annual Meeting Expense	2,663.42	2,000.00
Special Meetings in Connection with Women's Work	893.37	2,500.00
Manuscript on Cotton Tenancy	150.00	
TOTAL	$ 90,175.81	$ 93,080.00

ADMINISTRATION AND OVERHEAD	ACTUAL 1954 - 1955	PROPOSED 1955 - 1956
Salary, Executive Director	$ 10,000.00	$ 10,000.00
Salary, Administrative Ass't		6,000.00
Salary, Sec'y to Exec. Dir.	3,000.00	3,100.00
Salary, Secretary-Treasurer	4,958.28	4,000.00
1/3 Salary, Clerk	1,000.00	1,000.00
Social Security for Central Off. Personnel	760.57	800.00
Annual Meeting & Exec. Committee Meetings	2,663.42	2,000.00
Travel	6,703.82	7,000.00
Rent	1,335.00	1,680.00
Telephone & Telegraph	1,813.01	2,500.00
Office Supplies & Equipment	4,500.00	2,500.00
Postage (not including New South)	1,378.17	2,000.00
Printing (other than New South)	6,335.48	2,000.00
Audit Fees	420.00	500.00
Miscellaneous Expense	127.29	300.00
Insurance	43.22	
Sub-totals	$ 45,038.26	$ 45,380.00
* INFORMATION SERVICE AND NEW SOUTH		
Salary, Ass't Dir. for Information	$ 6,833.48	$ 7,000.00
Salary, Editorial Assistant	1,791.52	5,000.00
Salary, Research Assistant	2,483.49	4,000.00
Salary, Clerk		2,700.00
2/3 Salary, Clerk (Circulation)	2,000.00	2,000.00
1/4 Salary, Clerk (Steno)	494.27	750.00
Salary Office Boy (Part-time)	328.50	300.00
New South, Printing & Postage	4,192.62	6,500.00
Envelopes, Addressograph, Plates, etc.	307.58	400.00
Books & Materials	705.99	300.00
Sub-totals	$ 19,137.45	$ 28,950.00

	ACTUAL 1954 - 1955	PROPOSED 1955 - 1956
LAISON - STATE ORGANIZATIONS		
Salary, Ass't Dir. for State Organ.	$ 6,083.31	$ 7,000.00
Salary, Ass't Dir. for State Organ.	3,289.30	2,000.00
1/4 Salary, Stenographer	494.27	750.00
Sub-totals	$ 9,866.88	$ 9,750.00
PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT		**
Salary, Ass't for Program Development	$ 7,750.00	To be provided under state training Program
1/4 Salary, Clerk	494.27	
Program Materials	200.00	
	$ 8,444.27	
Women's Work		
Salary, Director of Women's Work	$ 5,000.00	$ 5,250.00
1/4 Salary, Clerk	494.25	750.00
Travel, Director	241.33	500.00
Meetings, travel of participants etc.	893.37	2,500.00
Sub-totals	$ 6,628.95	$ 9,000.00
Two Clerks - July & August 1955	910.00	
SPECIAL PROJECTS		
Manuscript on Cotton Tenancy	150.00	
Grand Totals	$90,175.81	$93,080.00

* Of the total of $28,950.00 proposed to be spent for the Information Service and New South, $6,850.00 is available as an unexpended balance in the Doris Duke Foundation grant; $1,500.00 is available as an unexpended balance in the Marshall Field Foundation grant; and $5,000,00 has been promised us from the Marshall Field Foundation for the calendar year 1956. Of this $5,000.00 there will be $3,750.00 available for the current budget period.

** Salary for Ass't Director	$ 2,500.00
1/4 Salary, Clerk	500.00
Consultants, salaries &travel	4,000.00
Travel, Ass't Director	1,500.00
Total	$ 8,500.00

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October 20, 1955

FILE COPY

Dear Board Member:

October 19th the Attorney General of Georgia, one Eugene Cook, made a speech to the Georgia Peace Officers Association. It was mainly a misinformed blast at the NAACP. In addition, it had in it the paragraphs attached. These were answered by press releases, as also attached.

As the Board meets November 9th, we thought this material should be in your hands ahead of time.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl. - excerpts from Attorney General Cook's speech
press releases from:
Georgia Committee on Interracial Cooperation
The Southern Regional Council

The NAACP is being aided and abetted in its agitation by three "front" organizations on the Southern scene -- the Southern Conference Education Fund; the Southern Regional Council; and the SRC's affiliate, the Georgia Committee on Interracial Cooperation. The Southern Conference Education Fund and the Southern Regional Council are both dominated by individuals who, like the officials of the NAACP, have long records of affinity for and participation in Communist, Communist-front, fellow-traveling, left-wing and subversive organizations and activities. Sworn testimony taken by both House and Senate Committees has placed known Communists in both organizations and the Southern Conference Fund may soon be designated a subversive organization.

The Georgia Committee on Interracial Cooperation is a perfect example of an organization formed for the purpose of exploiting the names, reputations and services of well-intentioned do-gooders. It is composed of some of Georgia' most distinguished clergymen and most prominent civic and social leaders who have been duped into doing the bidding of the more sinister elements manipulating the Southern Regional Council.

Investigations are currently being made of all three organizations -- the results of which will greatly embarrass those good citizens who unwittingly have become involved in their activities. I urge all such persons to take immediate steps to disassociate themselves from these groups and to disavow their programs and their leaders before they, their friends and their congregations are exposed to the anguish and embarrassment which exposure of these groups will necessarily mean.

Excerpts from Attorney General Cook's
Speech before the Georgia Peace
Officers Association, October 19, 1955

GEORGIA COMMITTEE ON INTERRACIAL COOPERATION
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For the Attorney General to label the Georgia Committee on Interracial Cooperation a "front" organization is not only ridiculous, but it is a libel on those Georgia leaders he labels as "dupes" and on Georgia officials as well.

True, the Georgia Committee is composed of "some of Georgia's most distinguished clergymen and most prominent civic and social leaders." And it is these same leaders who make up the board of directors and the executive committee of the group. It is these same leaders who plan and direct the policy and program of the Georgia Committee and are sincerely trying to help solve a difficult Southern problem.

The Georgia Committee has a history dating back to 1919. If, as the Attorney General claims, an investigation is being made of the Georgia Committee, why should it come at this time? The answer is obvious when one stops to consider the fact that there are some irresponsible people today who claim the Supreme Court of the United States is under the influence of Communists. Who could better claim the label of subversive -- those who seek to uphold the supreme law of the land or those who seek to circumvent it? The Attorney General is seeking to delay the solution and impugning the motives of those who seek to help work out a solution.

On a monument to the British soldiers who died on King's Mountain, S. C., is this inscription, "They came 3000 miles to keep the past on the throne." There are still those who fight to keep the past on the throne.

The Georgia Committee will welcome any investigation by <u>responsible</u> people. It has nothing to hide.

Guy H. Wells
Executive Director

Any charges that the Southern Regional Council has Communist connections or is influenced by Communist ideas are poppycock. The Southern Regional Council is made up of reasonable, tolerant, and forward-looking citizens who wish to see the states in the South do a sober, responsible job of accomodating themselves to the changes in the world around us. As to investigations, they are perfectly welcome. We have nothing to hide. All that will result will be red faces for those who set on the investigators.

The Southern Regional Council is made up of some eighty people, who are members of its Board of Directors. Some of them are white and some are Negro. All of them are distinguished for their active and thoughtful careers within the South. What a tragedy for a state attorney general, sworn to uphold the law, to attack one of the few efforts which proceeds within the South to deal truthfully and in mutual respect with the problems which the region confronts! Watch the birdie. Who is proposing conduct subversive of the Constitution and courts of our land?

IN ANSWER TO ATTORNEY EUGENE COOK'S SPEECH OF OCTOBER 19.1955 .
FOR THE GEORGIA PEACE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION.

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Exec. Com. memos
Discretionary

October 20, 1955

Dear Executive Committee Member:

You recall that it is customary for the Executive Committee to report on its activities to the once-a-year meeting of the Board of Directors of SRC.

In the past this has been too perfunctorily done.

Here is a possible draft of such a report for your working over and adoption in altered form at the forthcoming meeting of the Executive Committee October 28th - 29th.

Sincerely,

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Encl.

Report of the Executive Committee to the Board of the Southern Regional Council for the period from Nov. 23, 1954 - Nov 8, 1955

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25. Undertook to draft procedural rules for the meetings of the Executive Committee which would bring in staff personnel on invitation. 10/28-29/55

26. Accepted with the greatest regret the resignation of Mr. Leonard Haas as Counsel, he having served the Council and its predecessor, the Commission on Interracial Cooperation, in this capacity for more than twenty-five years. 10/28-29/55

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29. Selected the Executive Committee's members of the 1956 Nominating Committee. 10/28-29/55

30. Approved an arrangement for asking the chairman of each affiliated state organization to nominate a member from that state to serve on a Finance Committee for the Southern Regional Council. 10/28-29/55

31. Adopted a proposed schedule of expenditures for the central office totalling $93,080 in the fiscal year 1955-56, subject to quarterly review as to availability of funds, and with the proviso that a complete budget, listing expected income and proposed outgo, be submitted to the Board of Directors November 9, 1955. 10/28-29/55

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33. Approved a proposal to employ an Assistant Director for Program to coordinate a program to be operated jointly with state organizations for assistance in program planning. 10/28-29/55

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FILE COPY

November 18, 1955

Dear Board Member:

Many of us have thought the recent statement by the Virginia Council on Human Relations quite fine. Here is a copy of it.

With variations, similar steps might be taken widely.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell

George S. Mitchell,
Executive Director.

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Enclosure

The Weather
RICHMOND: Windy and mild with showers today. Partly cloudy, colder Friday.
VIRGINIA: Windy with showers today. Friday, partly cloudy and colder.
Local Data on Page 2

Richmond Times-Dispatch

Ruark
For lively reading see Robert Ruark's column on the Editorial Page. Today, Page 18.

105th Year | Volume 105 Number 307 | Daily and Sunday, by mail, $20 a year. | Richmond 11, Virginia, Thursday, November 3, 1955 | Dial 7-1851 | Second-Class Mail Privilege Authorized at Richmond, Va. | 5 Cents

Integration Compliance Steps Urged

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seek to build in every way possible a climate of understanding in which respect for facts and reverence for law shall be preserved and fostered.

That school authorities and local groups, as they seek to work out the various problems of school adjustment, take into account the specialized knowledge and resources of the many responsible educational and social agencies in our State, and that these organizations be invited to co-operate in furnishing information, counsel and speakers.

"We submit the above program," the council's statement said, "to the citizens of our State with faith and confidence, in the firm conviction that only by following such a course can we achieve a freer, richer, more secure and dignified life for all our people."

The council, an affiliate of the Southern Regional Council, was formed here last Spring and opened offices in Richmond July 1. It has about 200 members. Dr. Marion said they come from throughout the State, representing a wide range of faiths and occupations.

The statement was signed by 37 persons, members of the council's board.

"Essential Degnity"

The statement said that "many Virginians of both races deeply believe . . . that both our country's good name and the essential human dignity of all our citizens are closely bound up with the way we practice our democratic faith, and that no custom that is

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That school authorities and local groups, as they seek to work out the various problems of school adjustment, take into account the specialized knowledge and resources of the many responsible educational and social agencies in our State, and that these organizations be invited to co-operate in furnishing information, counsel and speakers.

"We submit the above program," the council's statement said, "to the citizens of our State with faith and confidence, in the firm conviction that only by following such a course can we achieve a freer, richer, more secure and dignified life for all our people."

The council, an affiliate of the Southern Regional Council, was formed here last Spring and opened offices in Richmond July 1. It has about 200 members. Dr. Marion said they come from throughout the State, representing a wide range of faiths and occupations.

The statement was signed by 37 persons, members of the council's board.

"Essential Degnity"

The statement said that "many Virginians of both races deeply believe . . . that both our country's good name and the essential human dignity of all our citizens are closely bound up with the way we practice our democratic faith, and that no custom that is not in complete harmony with that faith can rightly be maintained at the expense of the individual's dignity and the nation's honor."

"They believe that now, in this decisive moment of our history, the people of our Commonwealth have both the opportunity and the responsibility to work out a constructive program for compliance . . . a program giving due consideration to the delicate but not impossible readjustments now required in Negro-white relations."

Dr. Marion said the group had "certain hopes" about the program but "no illusions."

There had been a feeling, on the part of a few in the organization, Dr. Marion said, that the program should not be disclosed until the Commission on Public Education reported. He said the program was being offered, however, so that it might be compared with the commission's plan when it was announced.

Copies of the program will be sent to legislators, school officials, clergymen and the Governor.

The council is one of 12 existing in as many Southern States. Money for the groups' work comes partly from a grant from the Fund for the Republic and partly from membership fees. The group hopes to organize local chapters in Virginia as more memberships are obtained.

Signatures attached to the statement were:

Mrs. Theodore F. Adams, Richmond, wife of the pastor of First Baptist Church; Dr. Belle Boone Beard, Sweet Briar College professor; Mrs. Roger Boyle, Charlottesville writer; the Rev. W. Carroll Brooke, Staunton, Episcopal minister and president of the council; Wilson M. Brown, Richmond, vice-president State-Planters Bank and Trust Company and treasurer of the council; William M. Cooper, Hampton Institute professor and associate executive director of the council; Mrs. Henry W. Decker, former member Richmond School Board; Roland D. Ealey, Richmony attorney; Dr. John M. Ellison, Richmond, chancellor of Virginia Union University.

Also, Emanuel Emroch, Richmond attorney; Monsignor J. Louis Flaherty, superintendent of schools of the Richmond Catholic Diocese; Miss Susie Peach Foster, Mary Washington College professor; the Rev. Ralph M. Galt, New Market; Miss Margaret Garrity, social worker, Arlington; Dr. Rachel Henderlite, Richmond, professor at Presbyterian Assembly Training School; Dr. E. B. Henderson, Falls Church, president, Virginia Conference of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

Virginia Union Dean

Also, Dr. Thomas N. Henderson, Richmond, dean, Virginia Union; Mrs. Louis I. Jaffe, Norfolk; Dr. Marion; Bishop William H. Marmion, Roanoke, bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Southwestern Virginia; M. C. Martin, Danville, president, First State Bank.

Also, Dr. Earl H. McClenney, Lawrenceville, president, St. Paul's School; Dr. Lambert Molyneaux, Charlottesville, University of Virginia professor; Dr. Alonzo G. Moron, president, Hampton Institute; Dr. Harry T. Penn, Roanoke, dentist; Dr. J. Rupert Picott, Richmond, executive secretary, Virginia Teachers Association.

Also Moss A. Plunkett, Roanoke attorney; Dr. Harry W. Roberts, Petersburg, Virginia State College professor; Dr. C. Waldo Scott, Newport News physician; Mrs. Grellet C. Simpson, Ashland.

Also Gerald C. Speidel, Charlottesville, Lane High School teacher; the Rev. Wyatt Tee Walker, Petersburg, pastor, Guilfield Baptist Church; Paul D. Williams, Richmond, former president, Southern Regional Council; James B. Woodson, Blackstone, principal, Luther Foster High School; Thomas W. Young, Norfolk, editor and publisher of Journal and Guide; Mrs. Arnold Zetlin, Norfolk, and Dr. J. Kenneth Morland, Lynchburg, professor, Randolph-Macon Woman's College.

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Gray Commission May Wind Up Next Week

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or county unless the people had voted in favor of integration in a local referendum.

A major cause of the uncertainty beclouding prospects of a finishing date for the commission's work lies in a test case still pending before the Virginia Supreme Court of Appeals.

The court has under study the question of whether Virginia's Constitution permits the use of public funds to pay for education of children in private schools. One phase of the commission's tentative plans would provide, as an alternative to integrated schools, State subsidies on a per-pupil formula for attendance at private schools. But until the commission knows whether the court upholds or knocks out such use of public funds, it apparently won't be able to decide on its final plans.

Meets November 21

Unless the court meets in special session, no ruling on the constitutional question will be available until the court's regular November session, which opens November 21.

Considerable speculation has arisen, however, that the court may hold a special meeting and announce its opinion early this month. Some informed sources expect the court to convene and hand down the opinion next week, probably before the executive committee session. But there has been no official word from the court as to its plans.

If the court does act early next week, a quick windup of the commission's report should follow. Then Governor Stanley would decide whether he will carry out his tentative plans to call a special session of the General Assembly this Fall to act on the commission's recommendations.

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This prospect, though not altogether certain, arose as the 32-member commission ended a six-hour session held in well-guarded privacy at the Capitol yesterday.

Chairman Garland Gray gave waiting reporters only one definite announcement.

The group's 11-man executive committee will meet at 9:30 A. M. next Thursday, November 10, "to review certain matters which the commission directed it to study," Gray said.

No Definite Statement

He indicated, but wouldn't say for sure, that another meeting of the entire commission would have to be held after the executive committee session.

Gray declined to itemize any of the "certain matters" turned over to the executive committee, other than to say two or three proposed bills needed redrafting, along with portions of the text of a tentative report.

It appeared, however, that one of the matters might involve a proposed referendum plan submitted to the commission recently by Representatives Tuck and Abbitt, whose congressional districts span the strongly pro-segregation counties of Southside Virginia.

Gray would say only that the Tuck-Abbitt plan was discussed. Other sources had indicated earlier that the commission considered similar proposals some time ago, but dropped them because of two main considerations: (1) some strong constitutional doubts, and (2) the possibility, from the anti-integration standpoint, that the plan might boomerang.

Proposal Explained

The Tuck-Abbitt proposal, which drew a qualified endorsement this week from Senator Byrd, would permit no integration and no use of public funds for integrated schools in any city

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Relations Council

By L. M. Wright, Jr.

The Virginia Council on Human Relations yesterday offered a school readjustment program for Virginia designed to bring about compliance with the Supreme Court decision against racial segregation.

The council is the only group that has been formed in Virginia since the decision which has as its major purpose the advocating of compliance.

The program, announced by the council's executive director, Dr. John H. Marion, of Richmond, proposed a "calm step-by-step approach to this problem."

The program recommended:

That the Governor, in accordance with his solemn oath to uphold the Constitution of the United States, issue a statement affirming that Virginia will comply with the letter and spirit of the Supreme Court decisions, and that he also request the co-operation of Negro and white leaders throughout the State in safeguarding our public school system and promoting sound and lawful human relations.

Local Study Groups

That each county and city be asked to form a study group to survey the local educational situation and then recommend a step-by-step program for compliance which the local school boards would use as a guide and basis for action; such committees would best be composed of both white and Negro leaders representing various interests of both groups.

That a State commission, composed of both white and Negro leaders and representing fairly all points of view, be appointed by the Governor to make a study of State-wide adjustments required by the present law of the land and to recommend appropriate action for effecting the changes smoothly.

That the State Department of Education ask school superintendents in co-operation with local school boards to plan for joint meetings of white and Negro principals, teachers and leaders of Parent-Teacher Associations, the aim being to devise ways of dealing fairly and constructively with the problems affecting all children as required adjustments are made.

That all religious organizations and channels of public communication, while recognizing the individual's right to freedom of thought and opinion,

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Southern Regional Council

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COMMENTS OR INSTRUCTIONS

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Report of Meeting at Mammoth Cave, Kentucky
January 29, 30 - 1955

Present: Dr. C. H. Parrish, Jr.
Dr. Irwin T. Sanders
Mr. Mansir Tydings
Mrs. Grace Hamilton
(SRC, Atlanta, Ga.)
Mr. William H. Perry, Jr.
Mr. Charles Steele
Mrs. Margaret Dagen
Mrs. Ione Stanley

Consultants: Mr. Joseph A. Carroll; Dr. Lee Coleman; Dr. Willis Sutton
Mr. Howitt C. Mathis; Mr. Milburn Maupin; Dr. Tom C. Venable;
Dr. G. D. Wilson; Mrs. James G. Sheehan.

The group convened after lunch on Saturday, January 29, under the general chairmanship of Dr. Sanders and Dr. Parrish, of the Committee on Community Services. After a brief report, with chart, on the possible structural relationships of the Kentucky Council on Human Relations by Mr. Tydings, the background of the present meeting was presented by Dr. Parrish and Dr. Sanders. It had been previously decided (at a meeting on December 11, 1954)that between the meetings, the Consultants should go into communities in their areas and "feel them out" as to attitudes, experiences, needs in the area of racial integration.

The remainder of the first session (to 4 P.M.) was spent in reports from the assembled consultants. Each consultant reflected an individual approach to the community or communities he had visited; all told where they had visited, contacts made, facts found. All raised questions which they wanted to have answered in the course of the weekend meeting.

As a result of common problems and questions raised, a committee was formed on the Role of the Consultant (Dr. Coleman, Chairman; Mr. Carroll, Dr. Venable, Mrs Sheehan). Following is a summary of the report of this Committee.

1. It is not possible for either this committee or the consultants as a whole to reach concrete decisions on the duties and responsibilities of the consultants. Such a decision must be made by the Council as a whole. It was felt it would be better to work out a specific program for the immediate future than to try to work out detailed statement of role.

2. Pending such a decision, it is suggested that consultants do the following:
   a) Visit several additional communities (at least two by April 1), using survey techniques to determine present status and possible next steps.

   b) When the survey technique establishes that thinking and planning have advanced far enough, it is believed this will serve as entree for actual counseling and other promotion of the Council's objectives.

   c) Make a list of names and addressed of local leaders and organizations who would be helpful in future planning and action (both people and groups known to be interested and favorable to the objectives of the whole program and those who are important in the power structure, regardless of attitude).

3. It is suggested by this committee that a meeting of the Council and the consultants be set for the month of April. The date and place should be set by the executive committee.

4. Questions raised (these were discussed and some acted upon later in the meeting):
   a) Should not publicity be given our group as soon as possible in order to give consultants status?
   b) Would it not be wise to ask the State Board of Education to "sanction"

such efforts as ours?
c) Would survey forms be advisable to help consultants get information from local communities? If so, this committee will prepare.

5. Problem raised of the definition of a consultant's work day. What should properly be counted as compensable Council time; also what method should be used for making reports.

Another Committee was formed to work on an Interview Guide and Reporting. (Dr. Wilson,, Chairman; Dr. Sanders,Dr. Sutton; Mr. Steele).

Following is a summary of the report of this Committee.

Guide for Community Interviews:

1. What is the present population picture and school set-up in this county - number of separate school systems; number of schools (White and Negro) and enrollment in each; transportation and attendance areas; adequacy of facilities and programs.

2. What background of interracial contacts is there in the community?
a) Do school or teachers' meetings include both races?
b) Do any white supervisors or teachers work with the Negro school?
c) What organized student contacts are there - exchange visits, student organizations, etc.
d) Have there been any contacts in athletics?
e) Is there any use of the same facilities: gyms, auditoriums, athletic fields?
f) Do Whites and Negroes attend the same community events - plays, speakers, games, festivals, etc? Is there segregation at such events?
g) Is there any interracial activity in religion - church visits, Minister Associations, etc.
h) Have there been any particular events in the community which have had a great effect in retarding or promoting good relations?
i) Have you noticed any changes in race relations here during the past two or three years?
j) What other types of integrated activities and experiences have there been?

3. What are the prospects for desegregation in the community?
a) Has any plan been developed, or is organized discussion or thinking going on?
b) Has there been any joint participation or intercommunication between whites and Negroes in discussion of the matter? Any attempts or informal activities? Have school officials sought opinions of Negroes?

4. a) For White respondents: How do you think the Negroes of the community feel about desegregation?
b) For Negro respondents: How do you think the Whites, in general, feel about desegregation?

5. Do you feel that some kind of desegregation will begin fairly soon in this community? What do you guess will be first things where this will happen? Do you anticipate any major difficulties? What do you think should happen?

6. In general, how have things usually got done in this county?
a) Who are the persons who are most influential in community decision-making?
b) Who are the main white leaders that Negroes contact when they want something?

c) Who are the Negroes that white leaders contact when they want to reach Negroes?

d) Give illustrations of specific examples, where possible:

1) Where Negroes wanted something from whites and initiated steps to get it.

2) Where whites wanted something of Negroes - what was process and approach?

Community Report Form (possible form)

Statement re community background:

Summary of assessment of community:

School Composition and Population:

Interviews with the following persons form the basis of the report:

I. Name — A. Place in Community

B. Race___

C. Should receive literature and information _____

II. Name: A.

B.

C.

III. Name: A.

B.

C.

IV. Name: A.

B.

C.

Activities now taking place in community leading toward implementation or circumvention of U. S. Supreme Court decision:

Degree Success:

Report of any trouble incidents:

Recommended further action by Ky C.H.R.:

Card for Key Persons

Community_____ County_____

Name _____ Race____ Sex____ Approx. Age_____

Position_____

_____

Address_____

Source of influence in community_____

Suggested approach or other comments

_____

Reverse side of card
or
additional information
for front side of card

Apparent attitude on desegregation:
a. Will support integration of pupils and teachers_____
b. Will support desegregation of pupils only _____
c. Is luke-warm toward desegregation _____
d. Is hostile toward desegregation _____

Recommend for KCHR membership Yes_____No_____

Is good material for Board of Directors of KCHR
Yes_____No_____

It was further recommended by this Committee that some form of periodical evaluations to the Central office needed to be devised.

There was a definite understanding, stressed by the Committee, that all consultants reports would be treated as confidential in the same sense that a social worker's files are confidential. Thus, there is an implication that consultant reporting and Council publicity would be kept separate and apart.

A third Committee on Administrative Problems and Relationships was formed (Mr. Maupin, Chairman; Mrs. Dagen; Mrs. Stanley; Mr. Tydings; Mr. Perry; Mrs. Hamilton).

A first and necessary statement from this Committee came from the Executive Director, Mrs. Dagen, regarding the present status of the Council as to physical facilities and services. It was reported that an office is rented in the Heyburn Building, to be shared with The Lincoln Foundation. This office will not be ready for repainting, furnishing, etc. until mid-February. It was estimated that full functioning and services could not possibly begin until the early part of March. Mrs. Dagen stated that a Memo would go out to the Consultants and Board when services could be expected, along with such information as address, phone number, equipment, material available, etc.

Mrs. Dagen, from February 1, is hired on a half-time basis and is still employed full-time as a teacher in the Louisville public schools.

Mrs. Stanley, from February 1, is hired on a full-time basis.

Following is a summary of the report of the Committee:

1. Pay Basis for Consultants

Two bases for pay were taken into account, a spirit of professionalism and availability of funds. It was decided accordingly that:
a) For a period of three months, experimentally, a maximum of two days per month per consultant would be tried at a pay of $40 plus expenses.
b) The length, and what was to be included in the work day, is to be decided by each individual consultant on a basis of trust in each consultant.
c) Each consultant should notify the central office if he is unable to function the two days in a given month.
d) If, as a result of a contact through the Council work, the consultant should have a speaking engagement involving an honorarium, it is suggested

that this check be made as a contribution to the Kentucky Council.
e)The central office should be informed by postal or phone call of each field trip and the plans involved.
f)In the future, such meetings as the Mammoth Cave Conference will pay expenses but not additional compensation.

2. Publicity

a)Brochure explaining objectives and work of Council to be prepared as soon as possible by the Publications Committee. This brochure would be a good answer to questions from the press present at any meetings where consultants appear.
b)Calling cards for each consultant to identify with KCHR, statements about organization on back.
c)Press releases and stories handled by central office or approved by same.
d) Positive relationship with members of press to be attempted so news stories will bear constructive slant re integration.

3. Line of Communication for Consultants
a) Consultant
b) Central Office
c) Community Service Committee
d) Executive Committee
e) Board

4. Inter-Agency Relations

a) Effort will be made to create positive relationship
b) Central office to be notified if any difficulties in area of work develop.

5. Allocation of territories for division of labor of Consultants

a) Coleman - Fayette, Jessamine, Scott, Mercer, Clark,
Sutton - Madison, Montgomery

b) Wilson - Franklin, Harrison, Bourbon

c) Carroll - Hardin, Nelson, Taylor, Shelby, Marion

d) Venable - Warren, Christian, McCracken,possibly: Henderson, Daviess

e) Mathis - Muhlenberg; Ohio, Simpson, Logan, Todd

f) Maupin - Jefferson, possibly: Northern Kentucky

The philosophy (theory??) of the work to be done through the KCHR was spelled out frequently and clearly by Dr. Parrish, as were working techniques by Dr. Sanders. Mrs. Grace Hamilton helped to clarify relationships to the Atlanta office. Mrs. Hamilton indicated that it was the belief of the SRC that one of the primary jobs of the state groups was to help work out communication between whites and Negroes on a basis of equality. She stated that the Atlanta office would utilize the experiences and experiments of the KCHR to build a pool of information about its grass roots work.

Mr. Mansir Tydings was commended, and given a standing ovation, for the fine work he

has done in the interim period to help the work and to perform innumerable services and execute numerous chores necessary during the time when no staff was employed.

Mrs. Sheehan made an excellent statement of what she had gained from the Mammoth Cave Conference and of what she felt she might contribute through her contacts with State PTA. It was the general concensus that her work would be most valuable in conjunction with the Educational Program Committee.

The meeting ended after the noon meal, Sunday, January 30, 1955.

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret W. Dagen,
Executive Director.

Memo . . . FROM THE DESK OF

. . . GEORGE S. MITCHELL . . .

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O.K. if FBR agrees after his checking. If FBR agrees then names should be added and GTH should be notified that they have been.

GSM

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Memo . . . FROM THE DESK OF

. . . GRACE T. HAMILTON

with 12/10/55

I happened to note that the list of S.R.C. Board members omits the names of several "ex-officio" members - elected by state organizations:

Mrs. N. B. Ayers - Texas
Mr. J. Woods Beckham - Tenn.
Mr. Hugh Bevins - Kentucky
Mr. Irving Sanders - Ky.
Mr. Elsie Lewis - Tenn.
Mr.

Should not these names be added to the Board list?

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SYMBOLS:

* - SRC officer

- Ex-officio

% - State representative

July 11, 1955.

STAFF-MEMORANDUM

From: C.H. Parrish
Subject: Evaluation of state programs

It seems that now is a good time to go over with some details the organization of the various states. We are nearing the end of the first period of the grant and in view of the fact that problems have arisen in particular states, an overview of the whole situation would permit handling these problems in a way that would save embaressment and yet be effective. In brief, this is what I suggest:

1. The setting up of certain criteria in order to evaluate what constitutes a sound state operation.

2. In the light of these criteria, making evaluation of the state programs to be completed, before August 15.

3. Indicate to each of the states what these criteria are and express the hope that any state which expects to continue to receive funds in the next period should correct the weaknesses of its organization between now and the 1st of September, or give satisfactory assurance that this can be done.

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This may sound like a drastic remedy for the various ills of the state organization but Frank Loescher in his tour of the states uncovered some of these weaknesses and made certain recommendations. Therefore since we will have to act in any case with respect to the particular situations to which he called attention, it would seem much better to take such action on the basis of the state procedure than to isolate each case and deal with it separately.

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It is desirable also to look at the region as a whole in the light of the avowed objectives of the Council in order to determine what effect the Southern Regional Council and its affiliates in the various states can have on the trend of events in the Southern area.

There are three possibilities:

1. We may speed up and/or make less difficult the movement toward desegregation.

2. We may by our operation delay and make more difficult the movement toward desegregation.

3. Our operation may have no effect whatever.

In the light of the foregoing, certain questions may be raised:

- Concretely, what is the Southern Regional Council trying to do? Or perhaps the question should be phrased: How is the Council attempting to implement its objectives? (Answer to this question should involve a restatement of the purpose of the Council and a listing of the various kinds of activities which are designed to carry out this purpose).

- What are the criteria in terms of which the operation of a state Council can be evaluated?

- What different kinds of state operations would we be willing to approve?

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ROOM 432, 63 AUBURN AVENU

GEORGE S. MITCHELL,
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

July 22, 1955

A Council to attain, through research and action, the ideals and practices of equal opportunity for all peoples in the South.

Dear SRC Board Member:

The first grant period from the Fund for the Republic to SRC ends September 30, 1955. Our request for the second grant period must be in not later than August 20, 1955. It seems desirable to review and evaluate the program of the Council and of the various affiliated state organizations during the first grant period.

To that end, we ask that you be kind enough to send us your confidential evaluation of the operation within your own state. We would like to have a frank statement by you of your opinion of the effectiveness of the program; of the problems which have arisen; and any suggestions you may have for improving the state operation.

We hope that it will not be too great an imposition for you to send your comments to us sometime before August 5th.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

COPIES went to the following:

Atty, Morris Abram
Atty. C. Maxwell Birnie
Paul Christopher
Rufus E. Clement
Albert W. Dent
John A. Griffin
Atty Leonard Haas
Gordon B. Hancock
Harry V. Richardson
Carter Wesley
Miss Josephine Wilkins
Mr. Marion A. Wright

FILE COPY - Exec com. memo.

September 6, 1955

Very Rev. Maurice V. Shean, C. O.
P. O. Box 895
Rock Hill, South Carolina

Dear Father Shean:

At the Executive Committee Meeting at Mammoth Cave, Kentucky, August 18, it was requested that the staff prepare a yearly schedule for executive committee meetings designating both time and place. It was also recommended that more meetings be held away from Atlanta and that two days be provided for the meetings.

In compliance with the request the following schedule has been prepared:

Friday-Saturday	Oct. 28-29	~~Gatlinburg, Tenn.~~ Atlanta Ga	~~(Mountain View Hotel)~~ (A.U.)
Friday-Saturday	Jan. 20-21	New Orleans, La.	(Dillard University)
Friday-Saturday	Apr. 20-21	Atlanta, Ga.	(Atlanta University)
Friday-Saturday	July 20-21	Frogmore, S. C.	(MAW's)

This letter will serve notice of first meeting.

You will be notified of the last three meetings again some weeks prior to each one.

Sincerely yours,

(Mrs.) Ruth House Alexander

RHA/ys

Jan '56 - Oct 19th 20th

September 8, 1955

Mr. Marion A. Wright
"Top Knot"
Linville Falls,
North Carolina

Dear Marion:

I raise a minor puzzler, to give you time to ponder it before we talk, next week.

The Executive Committee at Mammoth Cave ordered "closed" (to staff) meetings of its number. The language of your dictated minutes of the Mammoth Cave meeting, on this point, is:

> "It was declared to be the sense of the Committee that at future meetings, only the members of the Executive Committee (including the Executive Director) should be present, with the qualification that the Committee reserves the right to invite the attendance of any staff member for the purpose of making a report upon his or her activities, or for such other purposes as the Executive Committee may determine."

The by-laws were amended back at the November, 1954, meeting to remove the position of Associate Director, and (uniformly) to substitute for that office the office of Assistant Directors, (to a number of Assistant Directors purposely not stated). Thus the Assistant Directors, instead of an Associate Director are listed among the "Officers," and as among the officers subject to annual confirmation by the Board. Also, and here's the point, ARTICLE V, Section 1, on Executive Committee was similarly amended by substituting for the Associate Director the Assistant Directors in the phrase which now, as amended, reads "The executive director and the assistant directors shall also be ex-officio members of the Committee [meaning the Executive Committee], but without the right to vote."

I have had no representations of wounded pride on this point. I only need direction.

My suggestion is that pursuant to the action of the Executive Committee at Mammoth Cave no one from the staff attend the next meeting of the Executive Committee except GSM, and that the Executive Committee at that time either resolve that the existing as-amended by-laws are agreeable to it, or

that they, the Executive Committee, wish to recommend to the November 9th Board meeting a further(appropriate) change in the by-laws.

If you will let me know what you think best I will be governed accordingly.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
cc: HCF
FBR
CHP

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For Nominating Committee Meeting
October 8, 1955
10:30 a.m., SRC offices.

The names listed below are suggestions of possible board members which have come from various sources (excluding persons nominated in 1954).

Alabama

William Kaufman, Director, Mobile Community Chest and Council.

York Wilburn. Head, Department of Political Science, University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa. Has worked with the Southern Governors' Conference. Said to have an enlightened conservative viewpoint. Is an expert in constitutional law.

Mrs. Myra Jones Bryant, Birmingham, Alabama. Husband is a physician. Former member of the National Board of the YWCA. Presently a part-time staff member, mental hygiene association. Active in many civic groups, state and national level. (N)

Arkansas

M. Lafayette Harris, President, Philander-Smith College, Little Rock. (N)

Mrs. E. J. Sparling, Hot Springs, Arkansas. Member of the National Board of the YWCA, member of State Board of Education, member of National Public Affairs Committee -- YWCA, active in many civic groups. Husband is a physician.

Georgia

Robert Snodgrass, Atlanta
Neil Andrews
Mrs. Robert Macdougall, Atlanta
J. Curtis Dixon, Atlanta

Kentucky

Mark Etheridge, Louisville

Alan Levy, Editorial Staff, Louisville Courier Journal

Mrs. William Heuser, 3318 Trinity Road, Louisville, Kentucky. Member National Board, YWCA; Chairman, Council of Church Women; member of Kentucky District YWCA, rural. Husband, businessman.

Louisiana

Monte Lemann, New Orleans attorney

Mrs. Jacqueline Leonhard. Elected member of the school board. Staff member - Society for Crippled Children.

Nominating Committee Meeting - 2
October 8, 1955
(Possible Board Members)

Mississippi

Msgr. Joseph B. Brunini, P. O. Box 57, Jackson

Purser Hewitt. Managing Editor, Jackson Clarion Ledger

North Carolina

Chester Davis, Jr., Editorial and feature writer. Winston-Salem Journal Sentinel

Raymond Wheeler, Physician, Unitarian (works regularly with Doris Duke Foundation), medical interest.

Charles Babcock, Winston, Salem. Son-in-law of R. J. Reynolds.

Dr. Will Alexander. Farmer. Chapel Hill, N. C. Head, for many years, of the Commission on Interracial Cooperation, and a two-term Board member of the Southern Regional Council

Julian Price, manufacturer and business executive. Greensboro, N. C.

Harry L. Golden, Editor Carolina Israelite, Box 2505, Charlotte, N. C.

South Carolina

James M. Dabbs, South Carolina. Former Chairman of South Carolina Division. Mayesville.

Tennessee

Cecil Simms, Nashville, Tenn. Attorney.

Virginia

Mrs. J. Birdsall Calkins, Arlington Va. Member National Board of YWCA, member World Council YWCA

Frank Price, Lexington. Former moderator Southern Presbyterians.

9/8/55
EAB

October 11, 1955

MEMORANDUM

TO: FBR ✓
GSA
HCF
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FROM: GSM

The Nominating Committee met on Saturday, October 8th.

Present: Father Maurice V. Shean, who served as chairman; Mr. Benjamin Mays; and Mr. Philip Hammer. Also present, George Mitchell who served as secretary to the Committee.

The Committee began its work by examining the list of persons whose terms of office on the Board of Directors would expire in 1955.

It was agreed that the Committee would nominate for a second term of office all those who had been thus listed in the memo sent by Fred Routh to members of the Nominating Committee as having their terms of office expire in 1955, with the exception of Morris Abram, resigned, Ralph Barbare, O. D. Duncan, R. O'Hara Lanier, Clyde Milner, L. E. Thomas and A. S. Turnipseed.

This arrangement added seven vacancies to the already known five vacancies among elected members of the Board. Making a total of twelve vacancies.

Toward the filling of these vacancies, they nominated from Alabama: William Kaufman, L. H. Foster. From Arkansas: Lafayette Harris. From Georgia: Robert Snodgrass and Mrs. Robert McDougall. From Kentucky: Mrs. William Heuser. From Louisiana: Monte Lemann. From Mississippi: The Right Rev. Monsignor Brunini. From North Carolina: Harry L. Golden. From South Carolina: J. M. Dabbs. From Virginia: Frank Price. From Oklahoma: James Stewart.

In addition to those names, they nominated as alternates (available to be notified of election if vacancies should still exist after those just listed had been approached): Mrs. M. J. Bryant, York Wilburn, Mrs. E. J. Sparling, Mark Etheridge, Mrs. Jacqueline Leonhard, Purser Hewitt, Julian Price, Raymond Wheeler, Mr. W. E. Solomon, ___ ___ Travelspeed, and Mrs. J. Birdsall Calkins.

The Committee renominated all present officers of the Council, and for the vacancy as vice-president nominated Paul D. Williams of Richmond.

For the Executive Committee, the Nominating Committee nominated all present elected members, plus J. M. Dabbs of South Carolina in the room of Morris Abram, resigned.

The Nominating Committee chose as the three new members of next year's Nominating Committee, Mr. I. H. Burney, Mr. Guy Johnson, and Mrs. E. U. Robinson.

cc: Board meeting File (11/9/55)

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October 21, 1955

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Dr. George S. Mitchell
Executive Director
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
63 Auburn Avenue, N. E. - Room 432
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Dr. Mitchell:

I am not writing this to confirm the telephone conversation of today, I am writing in regard to your letter of October 13 and the inclosed Quarterly Report, upon which you asked for comments, criticisms, suggestions, etc.

I am afraid it is too late now, since you must have sent it on by this time. However, I was wondering if the favorable decisions from the Texas, Tennessee and Florida Supreme Courts, on voiding the laws of those respective states that call for segregation, might not be partly the result of literature and other activities of the SRC? These decisions, in my mind, are most significant, as they cut the ground from under the so-called Citizens Councils and the other loud-mouthed pro-segregationists. These decisions also will make it difficult for the Supreme Courts of South Carolina, Georgia, Mississippi and Alabama to lend their official influence much longer to the pro-segregationists.

I also think now that the SRC should start making and sending plans to the various state organizations to help them in getting their functions to actually going in accordance with the plan inaugurated last year. I think many of them do not have a plan for getting an organization actually functioning. Such plan ought to put out the A B C's so that both the SRC and the local people can tell when they are making progress. I am certain that in some of the state organizations, at least, there is still a lack of a sense of direction.

Best regards to all.

Sincerely,

Carter Wesley

Carter Wesley

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THE MARKET
• 2,800,000 PEOPLE
• PLENTY MONEY
• WILLING TO BUY
• AWAITING INVITATION

P. S. Since I started this I have had a special delivery letter from President Dejoie of the National Newspaper Publishers Association, calling a meeting of the Board in Washington for October 28-29. According to his letter, he waited this late, in order to get confirmation from some of the Cabinet members of interviews to discuss phases of desegregation, such as the Till case. This may cramp my getting to Tuskegee.

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Board Prospects

Mrs. C.C. Alford
632 Chickasaw Ave.
Jackson

Mr. Earl Banks N
Farish St.
Jackson

Msgr. Joseph B. Brunini W
123 N. West St.
Jackson

Mr. A.E. Cox W
Rt. 1 , Box 58
Cruger

Mrs. E.E. Deen W
Hattiesburg

Mrs. E.C. Dishman N
Piney Woods School

Miss Alma Hickman W
15091/2 W. Pearl St.
Hattiesburg

Dr. P.W. Hill N
Box 547
Clarksdale

Rev. Duncan M. Hobart W
1116 23rd Ave.
Meridian

Mr. A.L. Johnson N
Prentiss Institute
Prentiss

Rev. John Mangrum N
Tougaloo

Dr. B.M. McIntosh N
Holly Springs

Rabbi Charles Matinband W
Box 1326
Hattiesburg

Mr. S.W. Miller N
1120 W. Pearl
Jackson

Mr. Charles T. Morgan W
Wood Junior College
Mathiston

Dr. M.F. Nichols N
1200 Maxwell St.
Columbia

Mrs. W.H. Ratliff W
Sherard

Mrs. D.S. Wheatley W
Greenwood

? Mr. F.C. Wilcoxon W
Sunny Knoll Rt. 1
Hazelhurst

Mrs. G.W. Williams N
5131 Williams Dr.
Jackson

Dr. H.G. Williamson W
Board of Education
North Mississippi Conference
The Methodist Church
Grenada

Mrs. Stanley Wilson W
Meridian

Dr. T.E. Zuber N
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West Point

Pascagoula Elt.
state CIO - Hattiesburg Hines -

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GEORGE S. MITCHELL,
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

19, 1955

A Council to attain, through research and action, the ideals and practices of equal opportunity for all peoples in the South.

AIR MAIL

MEMORANDUM

Top Priority

TO: STATE EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS

FROM: FREDERICK B. ROUTH

RE: STATE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

We notice that some of the lists of state board members are incomplete in one or more respect and feel that it is necessary that they be kept as up to date as possible.

Therefore, please send at once a complete list of your state board of directors; indicate what committees are set up (and which are functioning) who is on each committee; indicate occupation, race and address of each member (i.e., G. S. Gotrocks (w) educator, 135 E. Bourbon Street, Atlanta, Ga.; H. L. Stokes (N) lawyer, 711 Jackson Blvd., Athens, Ga.)

We also would like information, from your point of view, about the following:

A. To what extent has the board accepted the responsibility of committee work?

B. How active has the proper (program planning or executive) committee been in planning state program?

(Date of last meeting - who was present?)

C. Has the finance committee set up plans for fund raising?

(Date of last meeting - who was present?)

D. How much of your time has been spent on fund-raising activities?

E. How much of your time has been spent on organizing local groups?

F. How geographically representative is your Board of Directors?

G. Date of last meeting of Board of Directors - who was present?

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STATES	Evaluation: Ex Directors by List of Bd Mbr	Evaluation: BY BD CHAIRMN	Evaluation: BY EX-OFF S R C Bd	Replies from S R C Board Members
ALABAMA	✓			
ARKANSAS	✓			
FLORIDA	✓			
GEORGIA	✓			
KENTUCKY	✓	answered by Ex Dir - D. Hugh Brown		R.B. Attwood
LOUISIANA	✓			A.W. Dent
MISSISSIPPI	✓			
NORTH CAROLINA	✓			M.A. Wright Guy Johnson
SOUTH CAROLINA	✓			Ralph Barbare
TENNESSEE	✓			Paul Christopher
TEXAS	✓	Answered by Tom Sutherland Ex Dir		
VIRGINIA	✓	Carroll Burke		

MEMORANDUM

FROM: HAROLD C. FLEMING

TO: Appropriate Board Members

SUBJECT: Attacks by the Hearst Press

As you know, The New York Journal American and other Hearst-owned newspapers on November 7 carried a story impugning the patriotism of 21 members of the SRC Board. Our concern over this slanderous article was increased by its use in Virginia and Tennessee to discredit SRC affiliates in those states. On November 15 and 16, I conferred with the staff of the Fund for the Republic and other agencies friendly to SRC, in New York. Subsequently, Dr. Mitchell, Mr. Wright, and Mr. Haas have discussed the situation. This memorandum summarizes what we know, at the moment, of the legal and public relations aspects of the matter.

Legal

Pending detailed legal study, it is the consensus that the 21 persons attacked may have legal grounds for a libel action. The Fund for the Republic has undertaken, through its counsel, to study the question in terms of jurisdiction and precedents in New York. The resultant findings will be purely advisory. Whatever they may be, the final decision will rest, individually, with the persons named in the newspaper story. However, should two or more persons decide to sue, the possibilities of a concerted action should be considered. The SRC, as an organization, would apparently have no basis for becoming a party to any legal action in this instance.

Mr. Leonard Haas, SRC's Counsel, has also done some preliminary study which reveals successful libel actions by persons who were falsely called"communists," "communist sympathizers," and "fellow-travelers"; the two latter terms, obviously, are closely analogous to the term "pro-red," which was that used by the Journal American headline.

As soon as the preliminary legal findings are available, we will pass them on to you. Meanwhile, we recognize that many extra-legal considerations are involved in contemplating libel actions; these may lead to differing individual decisions. We will, at any rate, summarize and circulate the most important extra-legal factors once the legal situation is clarified.

Public Relations

The Hearst papers are vulnerable to some extent, in terms of both circulation and public opinion, to the charge that they have defamed some of the nation's most prominent Negro citizens, as well as an organization which is working effectively for compliance with the Supreme Court's rulings in the South. Some of the steps in process are:

(1) The facts just mentioned are being brought to the attention of principals in the Hearst organization by such agencies as ADL and AJC, which are widely known and respected in New York.

(2) The NAACP either has protested, or will shortly, to the Hearst papers.

(3) The Negro press has strongly criticized the Hearst story; the use being made of it by white supremacy elements in the South has been called to the attention of the Negro press and may prompt further criticism.

(4) There is a possibility of direct protest to the Hearst papers from influential Catholic sources.

(5) We will undertake to get the positive story of the SRC and its work told by a national magazine of mass circulation, a network television program, or both.

(6) We will reproduce and distribute, through the Atlanta office and the state affiliates, favorable matter on SRC published by

newspapers or magazines. (A case in point was the recent column by Mr. Alfred Mynders in the Chattanooga Times.)

(7) The Atlanta office will work closely with the various state organizations in maintaining and strengthening the SRC's reputation throughout the South, as well as in meeting direct attacks.

M E M O R A N D U M

April 18, 1955

To: 1954 Nominating Committee of SRC
Mr. Morris Abram, Chairman
Mr. John H. Wheeler
Mrs. E. U. Robinson

1955 Nominating Committee of SRC
Reverend Hugh Brimm - elected by SRC 1954
Dr. B. E. Mays - " " " "
Mr. Philip Hammer - " " " "
Mrs. James Birnie - appointed by Executive Committee
Right Reverend Maurice V. Shean - appointed by Executive Committee

From: George S. Mitchell

This is to keep you informed about the progress in completing the SRC Board upon the recommendations of the 1954 Nominating Committee and action of the SRC Annual Meeting of November 10, 1954.

The following persons were approved for election to fill seven places on the SRC Board (1954 to 1958 term):

Mr. I. H. Burney, Jacksonville, Florida	Accepted
Mr. Hodding Carter, Greenville, Miss	"
Mr. Jerome Crossman, Dallas Texas	"
Mr. Philip Hammer, Atlanta, Ga.	"
Bishop W. T. Watkins, Louisville, Ky.	Declined
Mr. Edward Norton, Birmingham, Ala	"
Dr. Philip Weltner, Atlanta, Ga.	"
Attorney Hugo Black, Birmingham, Ala.	"
Mr. Thomas Robinson, Charlotte, N. C.	"
Mr. Hollis Rinehart, Miami, Florida	Accepted

Officers:

Harry Ashmore-Vice-President — Declined

Treasurer: Authority given Executive Committee to elect after exploration and assistance of Atlanta members of the 1954 Committee.

The Nominating Committee for 1955 has the responsibility of recommending for election (1) persons to fill 22 places on the Board for the 1956 to 1959 term; (2) officers of the SRC; (3) 9 members of the Executive Committee; and (4) 3 members of the Nominating Committee for 1956.

We urge you to begin thinking of persons whom you believe to have contributions to make to the SRC as members of its Board. A meeting of the 1955 Nominating Committee will be arranged "no later than 30 days before the annual meeting of SRC" as provided in the amended by-laws.

Memorandum - 2
April 18, 1955

The attached sheet gives the present officers, executive committee members, and members of SRC whose terms expire in 1955.

GSM/eab
Encls. - 3

October 15, 1954

NOTE:

On last Sunday (October 10), Marion Wright, as president of the Council, picked a nominating committee to report to the forthcoming Board meeting, November 10. This duty was placed upon Mr. Wright by resolution of the Executive Committee, July 30. The following are persons who were named:

Morris Abram
Guy Johnson,
John Wheeler - Chairman
Mrs Marion Paul, Columbia, South Carolina
Mrs. E. U. Robinson

GSM

cc: Fred Routh

Fred--

A copy of this was sent to the following members of the Nominating Committee on Tuesday, October 19:

Guy B. Johnson
Morris B. Abram
John H. Wheeler
Mrs. Marian Paul
Mrs. E. U. Robinson

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Analysis of Bd. minutes

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THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

of

THE SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL

See pg 4-5 for Bd listing
x additional sheet

Atlanta, Georgia October, 1954

ARTICLE II (By-Laws of the Southern Regional Council, Inc.)

Section 1. Members

A. The members of the corporation shall be as follows:

1. Not more than 50 or less than 40 persons, hereafter called members elected by the annual meeting at which these by-laws are adopted.

2. Two persons, hereafter called ex-officio members, from each affiliated State organization. These two persons from each affiliated State organization shall be the chairman of such affiliated organization and one additional member elected by the members of such organization.

3. The president, the vice-presidents, the counsel, the executive director, and the associate director shall also be ex-officio members.

B. A member, as distinct from an ex-officio member, shall hold office for four years (except as provided in Section 1-C of this Article) and until his successor shall have been duly chosen and qualified and until he shall have resigned or shall have been removed in the manner provided by Section 8 in this Article. No such member shall serve more than two consecutive full terms of four years each (or, in accordance with Section 1-C of this Article, one short term and one full four-year term, consecutively). Chairmen of affiliated State organizations shall hold ex-officio membership in the corporation as long as they are chairmen of affiliated State organizations, and ex-officio members elected by their affiliated State organizations shall hold membership in the corporation for not more than two consecutive four-year terms, or portions thereof.

C. The members elected at the meeting at which these by-laws are adopted shall be divided by lot in such a way that the terms of one-half shall expire at the time of the annual meeting in 1955, and the remainder at the annual meeting in 1957.

D. Successors to members (as distinct from ex-officio members) shall, upon expiration of terms or death, resignation, or removal, be elected by all members of the corporation, including ex-officio members, at the next meeting following occurrence of such vacancy, provided that in such elections the executive director and the associate executive director shall not be entitled to vote.

Section 3. Voting. Each member or ex-officio member shall have one vote and, except in cases in which it is by the charter or by these by-laws otherwise provided, a majority of the votes cast shall be sufficient to elect and to pass any measure. Voting by mail may be conducted on such questions and in such manner as may be provided by the Executive Committee.

Section 4. Proxies. Any member or ex-officio member entitled to vote at any meeting of members may vote either in person or by proxy. All proxies shall be given to members of this body only, and each one shall designate the name of the member who shall act as proxy. Every proxy shall be in writing, subscribed by the members, or his duly authorized attorney, and dated, but need not be sealed, witnessed, or acknowledged. Proxies shall be delivered to the secretary of the corporation before such meeting or to the inspectors at the meeting.

AN ANALYSIS OF SRC BOARD BY STATE AND RACE

	Elected Board		SRC Officers		Ex-officio & State Representatives	
	White	Negro	White	Negro	White	Negro
ALABAMA	1	1			1	1
ARKANSAS	1	1				
FLORIDA	1	1			1	
GEORGIA	5	5	2	1	1	1
KENTUCKY	1	1			1	
LOUISIANA	1			1	1	
MISSISSIPPI	1	1			1	
OKLAHOMA	1					
NORTH CAROLINA	4	1	1		1	
SOUTH CAROLINA	3	1			1	1
TENNESSEE	3	2	1		1	
TEXAS	4	2		1	1	
VIRGINIA	1	2		1	1	
	27	18	4	4	11	3
	45		8		14	

OCCUPATIONAL ANALYSIS

Attorneys:	9	Church Leaders:	3
Businessmen:	10	Editor-Publishers:	4
Civic Leaders:	5	Educators:	21
Clergymen:	11	Labor Leader:	1
		Social Workers:	2

NOTE: Five vacancies to be filled:

2 - 1954-55
3 - 1954-57

Southern Regional Council, Inc. Atlanta, Georgia

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Abram, Morris B '55	Attorney	Healey Bldg., Atlanta, Georgia
Atwood, Dr. R B '57	Educator	Kentucky State College, Frankfort, Kentucky
Barbare, Dr. Ralph '55	Educator	Winthrop Training School, Rock Hill, South Carolina
Bates, Mrs. W F '55	Church Leader	125 Atkins Street, Little Rock, Arkansas
Birnie, Mrs. Cassandra M '57	Attorney	864 Hunter Street, Atlanta, Ga.
Bond, Ulysses S '57	Businessman	Madison, Arkansas
Brazeal, Dr. B R %	Educator	Morehouse College, Atlanta, Ga.
Brooke, Rev. W C #	Clergyman	Box 208, Staunton, Virginia
Christopher, Paul R '55	Labor Leader	216 Flatiron Bldg. Knoxville, Tenn.
Clary, Rev. G E #	Clergyman	Southeastern Jurisdiction, Methodist Church, 63 Auburn Ave., Atlanta, Georgia
Clement, A J '55	Insurance Executive	Station A, Box 36, Charleston, South Carolina
Clement, Dr. R E '57	Educator	Atlanta University, Atlanta, Ga.
Clingman, Rt. Rev. Charles '57	Bishop	421 S. Second St., Louisville, Ky.
resigned 12/15/54 Coker, James L '55	Manufacturer	Sonoco Products, Hartsville, S. C.
Crate, Mrs. James S #		2410 Inwood Drive, Houston, Texas
Davidson, Herbert M '55	Editor	Daytona Beach NEWS JOURNAL, Daytona Beach, Florida
Dent, Dr. A W *	Educator	Dillard University, New Orleans, Louisiana
Duncan, O.D '55	Professor	Oklahoma A & M College, Stillwater, Oklahoma
Dunlap, Davisson #	Attorney	Barnett Bldg., Jacksonville, Fla.
Foster, Richard J #	Attorney	Box 1325, Greenville, S. C.
Friedman, S Thomas '57	Social Worker	Southwestern Jewish Community Relations Council, 1110 Bissonet, Houston, Texas
Gomillion, Dr. C G '55	Educator	Tuskegee Institute, Alabama
Griffin, John A '55	Professor	Emory University, Georgia
Haas, Leonard *	Attorney	Haas-Howell Bldg., Atlanta, Ga.
Hancock, Dr. Gordon B *	Educator	P. O. Box 6056, Richmond, Va.
Johnson, Dr. Charles S '55	Educator	Fisk University, Nashville, Tenn.
Johnson, Dr. Guy B '57	Professor	University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, North Carolina
Lanier, Dr. R O'Hara '55	Educator	Texas Southern University, Houston, Texas
Looby, Dr. Z A '57	Attorney	419 Fourth Ave., N., Nashville, Tennessee
Mantinband, Rabbi Charles #	Clergyman	808 Mamie St., Hattiesburg, Miss.
Mays, Dr. B E '57	Educator	Morehouse College, Atlanta, Ga.
McCann, John '57	Businessman	231 Baronne St., New Orleans, La.
McDowell, Dr. E A '55	Professor	Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Wake Forrest, N. C.
Milner, Dr. Clyde '55	Educator	Guilford College, North Carolina
Milton, L D '57	Banker	Citizens Trust Co., Atlanta, Ga.
Mitchell, Dr. G S *	Executive Director	SRC, 63 Auburn Ave., N. E., Atlanta, Georgia

Moron, Dr. A G '57	Educator	Hampton Institute, Virginia
Mynders, Alfred *	Editor	The Chattanooga Times, Chattanooga, Tennessee
Paul, Mrs. Marion %	Civic Leader	2324 Washington St., Columbia, S.C.
Penick, Rt. Rev. E A '55	Bishop	802 Hillsboro St., Raleigh, N. C.
Rayzor, Mrs. J N '55	Civic Leader	3207 Groveland Lane, Houston, Tex.
Reddix, Dr. J L '57	Educator	Jackson College, Jackson, Miss.
Richards, Dr. J M '55	Educator	Columbia Theological Seminary, Decatur, Georgia
Richardson, Dr. H V '55	Educator	Gammon Theological Seminary, Atlanta, Georgia
Robinson, Mrs. E U '57	Church Leader	675 N. Waters St., Gallatin, Tenn.
Russell, Rev. Leon #	Clergyman	First Methodist Church, Rocky Mount, North Carolina
Shaw, Charles A '57	Insurance Executive	Watchtower Life Insurance Co., 2206 Dowling St., Houston, Texas
Shean, Rev. M V, CO '55	Clergyman	Box 895, Rock Hill, S. C.
Smith, Rev. C Emerson #	Clergyman	109 West Grace St., Richmond, Va.
Smith, J Edwin '55	Attorney	505 Scanlan Bldg., Houston, Texas
Stroud, Mrs. Tommie '57	Civic Leader	3225 Maple Avenue, Waco, Texas
Sytz, Miss Florence '55	Professor	Tulane School of Social Work, New Orleans, Louisiana
Thomas, Judge L E '55	Attorney	1035 N. W. Second Ave., Miami, Fla.
Tillman, Mrs. J Fount '55	Church Leader	Lewisburg, Tennessee
Trenholm, Dr. H C %	Educator	Alabama State College, Montgomery, Alabama
Turnipseed, Rev. A S '55	Clergyman	301 Dexter Ave., Montgomery, Ala.
Twomey, Rev. L J #	Clergyman	Loyola University, New Orleans, La.
Tydings, J M #	Executive	808 Starks Bldg., Louisville, Ky.
Weiss, Morton '57	Businessman	182 Marietta St., Atlanta, Ga.
Wesley, Carter *	Publisher	Box 3086, Houston, Texas
Wheeler, John H '57	Banker	Mechanics & Farmers Bank, Durham, North Carolina
Whitsett, Rev. Dan #	Clergyman	First Methodist Church, Sylacauga, Alabama
Wilkins, Miss Josephine '57	Civic Leader	387 Milledge Ave., Athens, Ga.
Williams, Paul D '57	Businessman	3320 Gloucester Rd., Richmond, Va.
Wright, M A *	Lawyer	Top Knot, Linville Falls, N. C.
Young, Thomas W '57	Publisher	JOURNAL & GUIDE, Norfolk, Va.

SYMBOLS:

* -	SRC officer	'55 -	two-year elected member
# -	Ex-officio	'57 -	four-year elected member
% -	State representative		

NOTE: The following people from the board have become paid staff:

Hamilton, Mrs. Grace T	Atlanta Office
Parrish, Dr. C H	Field Work Consultant
Spearman, Mrs. E H	South Carolina Executive Director

Memo . . . FROM THE DESK OF
. . . GEORGE S. MITCHELL . . .

To: Fred Routh

Marion Wright suggested to me in October, 1954 that young Chester Davis be considered for membership on the Board.

GM.

Board of S. R. C. Nov. 10th 54

New Nominees

Dr. Philip Weltner — declined

Mr. Phillip Hammer — accepted — card made + in box

Mr. I H Burney — accepted 12/20/54 — " " " " "

Mr Ed. Norton — declined

Mr Hodding Carter — accepted 11/26/54 — " " " " "

Bishop W. T. Watkins — No word as of 29 Dec 54

Mr. Jerome Crossman — accepted 12/2/54 — " " " " "

Alternates

Hugo Black Jr. (w.) (for Mr. Weltner?)

Hollis Rinehart (w)

Thos. Robinson (w) (for Mr. Norton?) declined Jan 6 55 6th 55 M.

Vice President

Harry Ashmore (what of Jonathan Daniels?)

March 30, 1955

TO: GTH

Are we doing all that we should in appointing and charging with its duties, and urging to its actions, the Nominating Committee now required in the by-laws?

FILE COPY

March 31, 1955

MEMORANDUM

TO: GTH

FROM: GSM

It seems to me that you are now in position to put out an advisory memo to the Nominating Committee.

The actions on the nominations made at the 1954 meeting are complete, except that we have only oral acceptance from Bishop Watkins.

I should think that it would be wise to describe the twenty-two vacancies prospectively on the Board for 1956-58. Who are these persons, from what states do they come, and what are their occupations?

The language which now governs the Nominating Committee was incorporated into the by-laws November 23rd by action of the Executive Committee as follows:

[See attached sheet]

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ARTICLE V

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Mailed 4/21/55

MEMORANDUM

April 18, 1955

To: 1954 Nominating Committee of SRC
Mr. Morris Abram, Chairman
Mr. John H. Wheeler
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1955 Nominating Committee of SRC
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Article V, Section 1 (cont'd)

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Reverend A. S. Turnipseed, Montgomery O

Arkansas

Mrs. W. F. Bates, Little Rock

Florida

Mr. Herbert Davidson, Daytona Beach
Judge L. E. Thomas, Miami O

Georgia

Mr. Morris B. Abram, Atlanta O
Mr. J. A. Griffin, Emory University
Dr. J. M. Richards, Decatur
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Miss Florence Sytz, New Orleans

North Carolina

Dr. E. A. McDowell, Wake Forest
Dr. Clyde Milner, Guilford College O
Right Reverend E. A. Penick, Raleigh

Oklahoma

Mr. O. D. Duncan, Stillwater O

South Carolina

Dr. Ralph Barbare, Rock Hill O
Mr. A. J. Clement, Charleston
Mr. J. L. Coker, Hartsville*
Reverend M. V. Shean, Rock Hill

Tennessee

Mr. Paul Christopher, Knoxville
Dr. Charles S. Johnson, Nashville
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[CB Re-arrange by States, in alphabetical order. Sas]

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15 Dr. Ralph Barbare, Rock Hill, S.C.

3 Mrs. W.F. Bates, Little Rock, Ark.

19 Mr. Paul Christopher, Knoxville, Tenn.

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17 ~~16~~ *Mr. J.L. Coker, Hartsville, S.C.

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14 Mr. O.D. Duncan, Stillwater, Okla.

1 Dr. C.G. Gomillion, Tuskegee Inst., Ala.

7 Mr. J.A. Griffin, Emory Univ., Ga.

20 Dr. Charles S. Johnson, Nashville, Tenn.

22 Dr. R. O'Hara Lanier, Houston, Tex.

11 Dr. E.A. McDowell, Wake Forest, N.C.

12 Dr. Clyde Milner, Gilford College, N.C.

13 Rt. Rev. E.A. Penick, Raleigh, N.C.

23 Mrs. J.M. Rayzar, Houston, Tex.

8 Dr. J.M. Richards, Decatur, Ga.

9 Dr. H.V. Richardson, Atlanta, Ga.

18 Rev. M.V. Sheean, Rock Hill, S.C.

24 Mr. J. Edwin Smith, Houston, Tex.

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2 Rev. A.S. Turnipseed, Montgomery, Ala.

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*resigned, 1954

Draft of Memorandum

XX A

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Mrs. E.U. Robinson
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Memo . . . FROM THE DESK OF
GEORGE S. MITCHELL

Suggested Dates for nominating Comm.

Nom. Committee

Fri Aug 31

Tue Aug 28

mon Sep 17
or
Tue Sep 18

Nominating Comm / Board

Bd Mg avail:
Wed Sept 5
Tues Sep 4

May 6, 1955

Memo of - Exec. Com

MEMORANDUM

TO: GSM
FROM: GTH -- G.T.H.

RE: Nominating Committee

The information which follows may be useful to the Nominating Committee for 1955 and to whoever carries the staff responsibility for work with the 1955 Nominating Committee of SRC.

(1) The bylaws require a meeting of the Committee "at least 30 days before the annual meeting.

(2) There are two additional board vacancies for the 1954-1958 term which exist because of declinations following elections of 1954.

(3) In order that the Nominating Committee have exact information before the annual meeting of the number of places to be filled, the Committee may wish to inquire of persons whose terms expire in 1955 whether they are willing to serve another term if elected. The bylaws permit reelection for a second term. The names of board members whose terms expire are listed in the memo of the Nominating Committee, 4-18-55.

(4) The names listed below are suggestions of possible board members which have come from various sources (excluding persons nominated in 1954).

Alabama

William Kaufman, Director, Mobile Community Chest and Council.

York Wilburn. Head, Department of Political Science, University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa. Has worked with the Southern Governors' Conference. Said to have an enlightened conservative viewpoint. Is an expert in constitutional law.

Mrs. Myra Jones Bryant, Birmingham Alabama. Husband is a physician. Former member of the National Board of the YWCA. Presently a parttime staff member, mental hygiene association. Active in many civic groups, state and national level. (N)

Arkansas

Nominated 1954 ~~Harry Ashmore, Arkansas Gazette, Little Rock, Arkansas~~

M. Lafayette Harris, President, Philander-Smith College, Little Rock. (n)

Mrs. E.J. Sparling, Hot Springs, Arkansas. Member of the National Board of the YWCA, Member of State Board of Education, member of National Public Affiars Committee -- YWCA, active in many civic groups. Husband is a physician.

Georgia:

Robert Snodgrass, Atlanta
Niel Andrews
Mrs. Robert Macdougall, Atlanta
J. Curtis Dixson, Atlanta

Kentucky

Mark Etheridge, Louisville

Alan Levy, Editorial Staff, Louisville Courier Journal

Mrs. William Heuser, 3318 Trinity Road, Louisville, Kentucky, Member, Natl. Bd. YWCA; Chairman, Council of Church Women; member of Kentucky district YWCA, rural. Husband, business man.

Louisiana

Monte Lemann, New Orleans, Attorney

Mrs. Jacqueline Leonhard. Elected member of the school board. Stff member -- Society for Crippled Children.

Mississippi

Msgr. Joseph B. Brunini

Purser Hewitt. Managing Editor, Jackson Clarion Ledger

North Carolina

Chester Davis, Jr., Editorial and feature writer. Winston-Salem Journal Sentinel

Dr. Raymond Wheeler, Physician, Unitarian (works regularly with Doris Duke Foundation), medical interest.

Charles Babcock, Winston Salem. Son-in-law of R.J. Reynolds.

Dr. Will Alexander. Farmer. Chapel Hill, N.C. Head, for many years, of the Commission on Interracial Cooperation, and a two-term Board member of the Southern Regional Council.

~~Don Shoemaker, Asheville. Editor of the Asheville Citizens Times. N.C.~~

Julian Price, Manufacturer and business executive. Greensboro, N.C.

Nominated 1954 [Thomas Robinson, President-Publisher of the Charlotte News. Charlotte, N.C.

Harry L. Golden, Editor Carolina Israelite, Box 2505, Charlotte, N.C.

South Carolina

James M. Dabbs, South Carolina. Former Chairman of South Carolina Division. Mayesville.

Tennessee

Cecil Simms, Nashville, Tenn. Attorney,

Virginia

Mrs. J. Birdsall Calkins, Arlington, Va. Member National Board of YWCA, Member world Council YWCA.

Frank Price, Lexington. Former moderator Southern Presbyterians.

Memo . . . FROM THE DESK OF
. . . GEORGE S. MITCHELL . . .

May 19, 1955

FOR BOARD FILES

Mrs. Crate, April 23rd, 1955 wrote Mitchell as follows: "Mrs. Aycox was elected to attend that one meeting. The Board may want her to continue. Personally I think she is excellent and representative of our Negro members."

THE SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

~~Abram, Morris~~
~~515 Healey Building~~
~~Atlanta~~

MRS.
Birnie, C. Maxwell
864 Hunter Street, S. W.
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MR.
Christopher, Paul
216 Flatiron Building
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MR.
Clement, Rufus E.
Atlanta University
Atlanta

MR.
Dent, Albert W.
Dillard University
New Orleans, Louisiana

MR.
Griffin, John A.
Emory University
Emory University, Ga.

~~Haas, Leonard~~
~~Haas-Howell Building~~
~~Atlanta~~

MR
Hancock, Gordon B.
Virginia Union Univ.
Richmond, Virginia

~~Richards, J. McDowell~~
Columbia Theological Seminary
Decatur, Georgia

MR
Richardson, Harry V.
Gammon Theological Seminary
Atlanta

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Shean, Maurice V., C. O.
P. O. Box 895
Rock Hill, South Carolina

MR
Wesley, Carter
P. O. Box 3086
Houston 1, Texas

MISS
Wilkins, Josephine
c/o Biltmore Hotel
Atlanta, Georgia

MR.
Wright, Marion A.
"Top Knot"
Linville Falls, North Carolina

7/13/55
eab

August 22, 1955.

TO MEMBERS OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE, 1955.

Dr. B. E. Mays
Morehouse College
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. Mays:

This is just a brief note to let you know that according to the By-Laws, the Nominating Committee must meet at least thirty days prior to the meeting of the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors meets this year on November 9th at Tuskegee Institute, Alabama. I would suggest, therefore, that on Saturday, October 1st, or Saturday, October 8th, the Nominating Committee meet, preferably in Atlanta, to consider Board vacancies.

Later this month I will send you a memo on the meeting of the Nominating Committee and a list of vacancies coming about because of the "graduation" of the class of 1955.

Dr. Hugh Brimm of Kentucky is a member of the Nominating Committee. He was chosen because he represented -- as chairman -- a state organization. Since that time he has become acting Executive Director of the Kentucky Council on Human Relations. The staff feels, however, that it would be advisable to retain him on the Nominating Committee at this time. This was discussed with the Executive Committee at Mammoth Cave.

Would you please write me in the next few days and let me know about your preference of dates, October 1st or October 8th.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR/eab

Dictated 8/17/55 by Mr. Routh; signed in his absence.
cc/ Rev. Hugh Brimm ; Mr. Philip Hammer ; Mrs. James Birnie ; Rev. M. V. Shean.

Nominating Comm
Probable

The Catholic Committee of the South

P. O. BOX 895 ROCK HILL, SOUTH CAROLINA

AUGUST 23, 1955

DR. FREDERICK B. ROUTH
ASSISTANT DIRECTOR
SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC.
ROOM 432
63 AUBURN AVENUE, N. E.
ATLANTA 3, GA.

DEAR MR. ROUTH:

THANK YOU FOR YOURS CONCERNING THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE DATED AUGUST 22ND.

AT THE MOMENT I WOULD FIND IT MORE CONVENIENT TO COME TO ATLANTA ON OCTOBER 1ST.

I AM SCHEDULED TO ATTEND A CONFERENCE IN MEXICO CITY FROM THE 4TH TO THE 12TH, BUT I'M NOT QUITE SURE THAT I WILL BE ABLE TO GO TO IT.

I CANNOT TELL YOU HOW SORRY I AM THAT I MISSED THE MAMMOTH CAVE MEETING.

SINCERELY YOURS,

Maurice V. Shean

(VERY REV.) MAURICE V. SHEAN, C. O.

MVS:MRF

August 23, 1955.

Burrelle's
Press Clipping Bureau
165 Church Street
New York 7, N.Y.

Gentlemen:

In your latest mailing of clippings, you include a large number dealing with the establishment of the Southern Regional Council for Mental Health Training and Research. This is to advise you that that organization is entirely distinct from and unrelated to the Southern Regional Council, Inc. I will appreciate your alerting your readers so that they may not be confused by the close similarities of titles.

I am not returning the clippings since I believe that they fall within the minimum rate which you charge.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF/vc

MOREHOUSE COLLEGE

ATLANTA, GEORGIA

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

August 24, 1955

Mr. Frederick B. Routh
63 Auburn Avenue, NE, Rm 432
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Routh:

Saturday, October 1 is my preference of dates for the meeting of the Nominating Committee.

Sincerely yours,

Benjamin E. Mays
President

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Nominating Committee Board

August 26, 1955

Mr. Fred Routh
Southern Regional Council
63 Auburn Avenue NE
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Fred:

In reply to your letter of August 22, I should like to state my preference for the date of the meeting of the Nominating Committee as October 8.

With kindest regards, I am

Cordially yours,

Hugh

Hugh A. Brimm

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Board
Nominating Com

September 8, 1955

Mr. Hugh Brimm
1319 Heyburn Building
Louisville, Kentucky

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Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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Encl. ✓

cc: FBR ✓

September 8, 1955

The Very Reverend Maurice V. Shean, C. O.
The Oratory
Rock Hill, South Carolina

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864 Hunter Street, S. W.
Atlanta, Georgia

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7/13/55

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Abram, Morris B.	Attorney	Healey Bldg., Atlanta, Ga.
Atwood, R.B.	Educator	Kentucky State College, Frankfort, Ky.
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Barbare, Ralph	Educator	Winthrop Training School, Rock Hill, S.C.
Bates, Mrs. L. C.%	Civic Leader	1804 Bishop Street, Little Rock, Ark.
Bates, Mrs. W. F.	Church Leader	125 Atkins St., N. Little Rock, Ark.
Beckman, F. Woods#	Businessman	5908 Magazine Road, Knoxville, Tenn.
Birnie, Mrs. C. M.	Attorney	864 Hunter St., N.W., Atlanta, Ga.
Bond, Ulysses S.	Businessman	Madison, Arkansas
Brazeal, B.R.%	Educator	Morehouse College, Atlanta, Ga.
Brimm, Hugh#**	Educator	1319 Heyburn Bldg., Louisville, Ky.
Brooke, W. C. #	Clergyman	Box 208, Staunton, Va.
~~Brunini, Rt. Rev. Msgr.#~~	~~Bishop~~	~~P. O. Box 57, Jackson, Miss.~~
Burney, I. H.	Ins. Exec.	P. O. Box 660, Jacksonville, Fla.
Carter, Hodding	Editor	Delta Democrat-Times, Greenville, Miss.
Christopher, Paul R.	Labor Leader	216 Flatiron Bldg., Knoxville, Tenn.
Clary, G. E.#	Clergyman	63 Auburn Ave., N.E., Atlanta, Ga.
Clement, R. E.	Educator	Atlanta Univ., Atlanta, Ga.
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Davidson, Herbert M.	Editor	Daytona Beach News Journal, Florida
Dent, A. W.*	Educator	Dillard Univ. New Orleans, La.
D'Orlando, Albert #	Clergyman	1806 Jefferson Ave., New Orleans, La.
Duncan, O. D.	Professor	Oklahoma A&M College, Stillwater, Okla.
Ellison, J.M.%	Educator	Virginia Union Univ., Richmond, Va.
Evans, J. Claude#	Clergyman	P. O. Box 867, Columbia, S.C.
Finner, Paul F.#	Professor	930 West Park, Tallahassee, Fla.
Friedman, S. Thomas	Soc. Worker	1110Bissonet, Houston,Tex.
Gomillion, C. G.%	Educator	Tuskegee Institute, Tuskegee Inst. Ala.
Griffin, John A.	Professor	Emory Univ., Emory Univ., Georgia
Haas, Leonard*	Attorney	Haas-Howell Bldg., Atlanta, Ga.
Hammer, Philip	Planning Consultant	70 Fairlie St., Atlanta, Ga.
Hancock, Gordon B.*	Professor	P. O. Box 6056, Richmond, Va.
Hunter, Duncan#	Clergyman	Alexander City, Ala.
Johnson, A. L. %	Educator	Prentiss N&I Inst., Prentiss, Miss.
Johnson, Charles S.	Educator	Fisk Univ., Nashville, Tenn.
Johnson, Guy B.	Professor	Univ. of N.C., Chapel Hill, N.C.
Lanier, R. O'Hara	Educator	Tex. Southern Univ., Houston, Tex.
Larkins, John R.%	Soc. Worker	Bd. of Charities & Soc. Welfare,Raleigh N. C.
Lewis, Dr. Elsie%	Educator	Tenn. A & I, Nashville, Tennessee
Mays, B. E.	Educator	Morehouse College, Atlanta, Ga.
McCann, John	Businessman	231 Baronne St., New Orleans, La.
McDowell, E. A.	Professor	So. Bapt. Theol. Sem., Wake Forrest, N.C.
Looby, Z. A.	Attorney	419 Fourth Avenue, N. Nashville, Tenn.

Board of Directors - 2
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Milner, Clyde	Educator	Guilford College, N.C.
Milton, L. D.	Banker	Citizens Trust Co., Atlanta, Ga.
Mitchell, G. S.	Exec. Dir.	SRC, 63 Auburn Ave., N.E., Atlanta, Ga.
Moron, A. G.	Educator	Hampton Inst., Hampton, Va.
Paul, Mrs. Marion%	Civic Leader	2324 Washington St., Columbia, S. C.
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Reddix, J. L.	Educator	Jackson College, Jackson, Miss.
Richards, J. M.	Educator	Columbia Theological Seminary, Decatur, Ga.
Richardson, H. V.	Educator	Gammon Theol. Sem., Atlanta, Ga.
Rinehart, Hollis	Attorney	Ingraham Bldg., Miami, Fla.
Robinson, Mrs. E. U.	Church Leader	Gallatin, Tenn.
Rousseve, Numa J.%	Businessman	4636 Willow St., New Orleans, La.
Sanders, Irwin T.%	Professor	1350 Fontaine Rd., Lexington, Ky.
Shaw, Charles A.	Ins. Exec.	2206 Dowling St., Houston, Tex.
Shean, Very Rev. M. V.	Clergyman	Box 895, Rock Hill, South Carolina
~~Smith, C. Emerson~~	~~Clergyman~~	~~109 West Grace St., Richmond, Va.~~
Smith, J. Edwin	Attorney	505 Scanlan Bldg., Houston, Tex.
Stroud, Mrs. Tommie	Civic Leader	2524 Old Oaks Drive, Waco, Texas
Sytz, Miss Florence	Professor	Tulane Sch. of Soc. Wk., New Orleans, La.
Thomas, L. E.	Attorney	1035 N. W. Second Ave., Miami, Fla.
Tillman, Mrs. J. Fount	Church Leader	Lewisburg, Tenn.
Trenholm, H. C.%	Educator	Alabama State College, Montgomery, Ala.
Turnipseed, A. S.	Clergyman	251 Island Ct., Mobile, Ala
Weiss, Morton	Businessman	182 Marietta St., Atlanta, Ga.
Wellons, R. D.#	Educator	Pembroke College, Pembroke, N. C.
Wesley, Carter*	Publisher	Box 3086, Houston, Tex.
Wheeler, John H.	Banker	Mechanics and Farmers Bank, Durham, N.C.
Wilkins, Miss Josephine	Civic Leader	387 Milledge Ave., Athens, Ga.
Williams, Paul D.	Businessman	3320 Gloucester Rd., Richmond, Va.
Wright, M. A.*	Lawyer	Top Knot, Linville Falls, N. C.
Young, Thomas W.	Publisher	Journal and Guide, Norfolk, Va.

Clement, A. J. - moved from Regular

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* SRC Officer

\# Ex-officio

% State representative

**Employed for the summer months in the Kentucky program, and therefore for the summer months on the Board of SRC.

For Nominating Committee Meeting
October 8, 1955
10:30 a.m., SRC offices.

The names listed below are suggestions of possible board members which have come from various sources (excluding persons nominated in 1954).

Alabama

William Kaufman, Director, Mobile Community Chest and Council.

York Wilburn. Head, Department of Political Science, University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa. Has worked with the Southern Governors' Conference. Said to have an enlightened conservative viewpoint. Is an expert in constitutional law.

Mrs. Myra Jones Bryant, Birmingham, Alabama. Husband is a physician. Former member of the National Board of the YWCA. Presently a part-time staff member, mental hygiene association. Active in many civic groups, state and national level. (N)

Arkansas

M. Lafayette Harris, President, Philander-Smith College, Little Rock. (N)

Mrs. E. J. Sparling, Hot Springs, Arkansas. Member of the National Board of the YWCA, member of State Board of Education, member of National Public Affairs Committee -- YWCA, active in many civic groups. Husband is a physician.

Georgia

Robert Snodgrass, Atlanta
Neil Andrews
Mrs. Robert Macdougall, Atlanta
J. Curtis Dixon, Atlanta

Kentucky

Mark Etheridge, Louisville

Alan Levy, Editorial Staff, Louisville Courier Journal

Mrs. William Heuser, 3318 Trinity Road, Louisville, Kentucky. Member National Board, YWCA; Chairman, Council of Church Women; member of Kentucky District YWCA, rural. Husband, businessman.

Louisiana

Monte Lemann, New Orleans attorney

Mrs. Jacqueline Leonhard. Elected member of the school board. Staff member - Society for Crippled Children.

Nominating Committee Meeting - 2
October 8, 1955
(Possible Board Members)

Mississippi

Msgr. Joseph B. Brunini, P. O. Box 57, Jackson

Purser Hewitt. Managing Editor, Jackson Clarion Ledger

North Carolina

Chester Davis, Jr., Editorial and feature writer. Winston-Salem Journal Sentinel

Raymond Wheeler, Physician, Unitarian (works regularly with Doris Duke Foundation), medical interest.

Charles Babcock, Winston, Salem. Son-in-law of R. J. Reynolds.

Dr. Will Alexander. Farmer. Chapel Hill, N. C. Head, for many years, of the Commission on Interracial Cooperation, and a two-term Board member of the Southern Regional Council

Julian Price, manufacturer and business executive. Greensboro, N. C.

Harry L. Golden, Editor Carolina Israelite, Box 2505, Charlotte, N. C.

South Carolina

James M. Dabbs, South Carolina. Former Chairman of South Carolina Division. Mayesville.

Tennessee

Cecil Simms, Nashville, Tenn. Attorney.

Virginia

Mrs. J. Birdsall Calkins, Arlington Va. Member National Board of YWCA, member World Council YWCA

Frank Price, Lexington. Former moderator Southern Presbyterians.

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The Catholic Committee of the South

P. O. BOX 895

ROCK HILL, SOUTH CAROLINA
SEPTEMBER 13, 1955

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DR. GEORGE S. MITCHELL
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC.
ROOM 432, 63 AUBURN AVENUE, N. E.
ATLANTA 3, GEORGIA

DEAR DOCTOR:

I HAVE YOUR LETTER OF THE 8TH, REGARDING THE MEETING OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE. I SHALL BE THERE ON OCTOBER 8TH, AND AS FAR AS I KNOW THERE IS NO NEED FOR ME TO HAVE ANY FURTHER INFORMATION ABOUT THE WHOLE BUSINESS.

I HAVE NOT, AS YET, BEEN ABLE TO DO ANYTHING VERY MUCH ABOUT FATHER FOLEY'S REQUEST. I THINK I SHALL WRITE TO HIM TODAY AND ASK HIM TO SEND ME A BREAK-DOWN AS TO WHAT HIS PLANS WERE.

YOU SHALL BE HEARING FROM ME AGAIN VERY SOON.

SINCERELY YOURS IN CHRIST AND ST. PHILIP,

Maurice V. Shean

(VERY REV.) MAURICE V. SHEAN, C. O.

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ATLANTA, GEORGIA

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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

September 13, 1955

Mr. George Mitchell
Southern Regional Council, Rm 432
63 Auburn Avenue, NE
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Mitchell:

I have your letter of September 8. I plan to be present at 10:30, October 8, when the Nominating Committee will meet. I will postpone my leaving for Chicago to 6:00 Saturday rather than 6:00 Friday. I am preaching in Chicago Sunday morning the 9th but I am sure the Georgian leaving at 6:00 will get me there on time.

With kindest regards and best wishes, I am

Yours truly,

Benjamin E. Mays

Benjamin E. Mays
President

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October 11, 1955

MEMORANDUM

TO: Memo-to FHR GSA HCF DT CHP → NOMINATING COMMITTEE

FILE COPY

FROM: GSM

The Nominating Committee met on Saturday, October 8th.

Present: Father Maurice V. Shean, who served as chairman; Mr. Benjamin Mays; and Mr. Philip Hammer. Also present, George Mitchell who served as secretary to the Committee.

The Committee began its work by examining the list of persons whose terms of office on the Board of Directors would expire in 1955.

It was agreed that the Committee would nominate for a second term of office all those who had been thus listed in the memo sent by Fred Routh to members of the Nominating Committee as having their terms of office expire in 1955, with the exception of Morris Abram, resigned, Ralph Barbare, O. D. Duncan, R. O'Hara Lanier, Clyde Milner, L. E. Thomas and A. S. Turnipseed.

This arrangement added seven vacancies to the already known five vacancies among elected members of the Board. Making a total of twelve vacancies.

Toward the filling of these vacancies, they nominated from Alabama: William Kaufman, L. H. Foster. From Arkansas: Lafayette Harris. From Georgia: Robert Snodgrass and Mrs. Robert McDougall. From Kentucky: Mrs. William Heuser. From Louisiana: Monte Lemann. From Mississippi: The Right Rev. Monsignor Brunini. From North Carolina: Harry L. Golden. From South Carolina: J. M. Dabbs. From Virginia: Frank Price. From Oklahoma: James Stewart.

In addition to those names, they nominated as alternates (available to be notified of election if vacancies should still exist after those just listed had been approached): Mrs. M. J. Bryant, York Wilburn, Mrs. E. J. Sparling, Mark Etheridge, Mrs. Jacqueline Leonhard, Purser Hewitt, Julian Price, Raymond Wheeler, Mr. W. E. Solomon, ___ ___ Travelspeed, and Mrs. J. Birdsall Calkins.

The Committee renominated all present officers of the Council, and for the vacancy as vice-president nominated Paul D. Williams of Richmond.

For the Executive Committee, the Nominating Committee nominated all present elected members, plus J. M. Dabbs of South Carolina in the room of Morris Abram, resigned.

The Nominating Committee chose as the three new members of next year's Nominating Committee, Mr. I. H. Burney, Mr. Guy Johnson, and Mrs. E. U. Robinson.

cc: Board meeting File (11/9/55)

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October 11, 1955
(Dictated October 10th)

M E M O R A N D U M

TO: GSA

FROM: GSM

Will you kindly take over responsibility for seeing to it that the Nominating Committee duly makes its presentment to the Board at the meeting at Tuskegee November 9th. You will need the file on the matter and handy slips as to whom they nominate for what. You should be able to rattle off at that meeting what the by-laws say, etc.

I will coach you and so will Fred Routh.

Sam

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(Dictated by Dr. Mitchell/signed in his absence)

Nominating Committee

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October 11, 1955

(Dictated October 10th)

Mr. Hugh Brimm
1319 Heyburn Building
Louisville, Kentucky

Dear Hugh:

The Committee missed you. The ones who got there were: Bennie Mays, Phil Hammer, and Father Shean. They did a good job of spearing around and making the nominations.

I do hope that some early opportunity comes along when you and I can be together and talk. I think you are doing a grand job.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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October 7, 1955

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Dr. George Mitchell
Southern Regional Council
Atlanta, Ga.

Dear George:

I find that the press of a double schedule is going to make it impossible for me to get to the meeting of the Nominating Committee. I regret this very much because I had looked forward to the opportunity of talking with you more about our situation here in Kentucky.

Inasmuch as I am a member of the staff perhaps it is not too bad that I will not be able to attend this meeting.

With kindest personal regards, I am,

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Hugh

Hugh A Brimm

October 11, 1955

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Box 895
Rock Hill, South Carolina

Dear Father Maurice:

We are grateful for your mighty helpful service with the Nominating Committee.

I made at least one slip. The elected members of the Executive Committee number nine and not seven. You properly nominated for the vacancy occasioned by Morris Abram's resignation, J. M. Dabbs. I forgot the earlier resignation of Mr. McDowell Richards, the President of Columbia Theological Seminary, who resigned because of the weight of his duties as moderator of the Presbyterian Church in the U. S. So one more nomination to the Executive Committee is in order, to fill Mr. Richards' place. I think the man should be a clergyman.

You can observe, from the enclosed list of Board members, the clerical people who are available to you.

So far as I know, it has never happened that the chairman of a state organization (enjoying membership on the Board of SRC by reason of his chairmanship of a state organization) has been elected to the Executive Committee of SRC. We are at pains to represent the state organizations on the Board. But we are not representing them at all on the Executive Committee. All things considered, your choice is probably limited to Reverend E. A. McDowell, of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary at Wake Forest, or the Reverend Duncan Hunter at Alexander City, Alabama, or the Reverend J. Claude Evans, Editor of the Methodist Advocate, Columbia, South Carolina. The last two are, respectively, chairmen of the Alabama Council on Human Relations and the South Carolina Council on Human Relations.

I suggest as a simple method of procedure that Mr. Mays first make a nomination for the vacancy on the Executive Committee, and that for convenience he notify me of that name so that I can consult the other two members who came to the meeting for their agreement or counter suggestion.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Dictated by Dr. Mitchell/signed in his absence.
Encl.

Memo . . . FROM THE DESK OF
. . . GEORGE S. MITCHELL . . .

October 13, 1955

FBR:

Please see that those members of the Nominating Committee, who were not here for its meeting, are apprised with an account of the proceedings of the meeting.

GSM/eab

Memo . . . FROM THE DESK OF

. . . . FRED B. ROUTH . . . .

Oct 14, 1955

GSM:

I am in receipt of your memo of 13 Oct re: the Nominating Committee. This entire matter has been turned over to Mr. Alexander, Adm.Ast. at your request of Oct. 10th.

In view of this, I have passed the above mentioned memo to Mr. Alexander for execution.

MOREHOUSE COLLEGE

ATLANTA, GEORGIA

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

October 13, 1955

OCT 14 1955

Mr. George S. Mitchell
Southern Regional Council
63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Mitchell:

In answer to your letter of October 11, I am voting for the Reverend E. A. McDowell as the person to go on the Executive Committee. I have nothing against the other two men but I know Reverend McDowell and I do not know the other two.

With kindest regards and best wishes, I am

Yours truly,

Benjamin E. Mays
President

BEM:J

October 14, 1955

Mr. Philip Hammer
70 Fairlie Street
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Phil:

Mr. Mays, from among those suggested as possible candidates for the remaining vacancy on the Executive Committee, chose, as one with whom he had a personal acquaintance, Reverend E. A. McDowell of Wake Forest. If you will be good enough to confirm or make other selections, it will be possible to add a name to the list of nominees to the Executive Committee.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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October 14, 1955

Mr. Benjamin E. Mays
Morehouse College
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Bennie Mays:

Very many thanks for naming Dr. McDowell. I have sent out the suggestion to Phil Hammer and Father Shean.

I hear that Dr. McDowell is in hottish water, but he will be a great acquisition if he will accept.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
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October 14, 1955

The Very Reverend Maurice V. Shean, C. O.
The Oratory
Rock Hill, South Carolina

Dear Father Shean:

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KATHERINE STONEY
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Southern Re[illegible]
ROOM 432, 63 AUBURN AVE[illegible]

October 14, 1955

A Council to attain, through research and action, the ideals and practices of equal opportunity for all peoples in the South.

Mrs. Cassandra M. Birnie
864 Hunter Street, S.W.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mrs. Birnie:

Attached you will find minutes of the meeting of the Nominating Committee which met on Saturday, October 8, 1955.

Due to an oversight only one additional person was nominated for the Executive Committee instead of the two persons needed. Dr. Mitchell has written to each member of the Nominating Committee who was present at the meeting, asking them to nominate one additional person to the Executive Committee in place of Mr. McDowell Richards, who resigned earlier in the year. As soon as this person has been nominated we will apprise you of same.

Sincerely yours,

G. S. Alexander
Administrative Assistant

GSA:rth

cc: Mr. Hugh Brim

October 17, 1955

M E M O R A N D U M

TO: GSA

FROM: GSM

SUBJECT: NOMINATIONS FOR SRC BOARD.

I learned in a telephone call to the office of the South Carolina Council on Human Relations that the gentleman we have listed as ___ ___ Travelspeed is, as a matter of fact, Chester E. Travelstead. He is Dean of Business Administration at the University of South Carolina. Residence address is in Columbia, 921 Beltline Boulevard. Described by our South Carolina office as a grand man, who has been in this business for several years.

I see no need to make this correction in communications to other members of the Nominating Committee, but please be sure that the final type-up of nominations contains the correct name.

By the way, speaking of the final type-up, you will need to shape a document which can be thrust into the hand of whoever will be present from the Nominating Committee (at the Board meeting November 9th). The thrustee to then read out the names. Arm yourself with a carbon of the document handed to the thrustee. But watch, lest any changes made by the Board escape notice.

GM

eab/

October 19, 1955

M E M O R A N D U M

TO: GSA

FROM: GSM

The amended by-laws, as now in force, contains as Section 4 of Article V, the following language:

" Section 4. Nominating Committee. There shall be a Nominating Committee of not less than five members. Three members shall be elected by the Council from its membership at its annual meeting, and one of these shall be an "ex-officio" member of the Council from an affiliated state organization. Two members shall be appointed by the Joint action of the President and the Executive Committee.

The Nominating Committee shall meet not less than thirty (30) days before the annual meeting for the purpose of nominating (1) members of the Council, (2) officers of the Council, (3) members of the Executive Committee, and (4) three members of the succeeding Nominating Committee."

The Nominating Committee, which met ten days or so ago, named as next year's Nominating Committee, Mr. I. H. Burney, Mr. Guy Johnson, and Mrs. E. U. Robinson. I much fear me that because the Nominating Committee was inadequately advised, no one of these three persons is an ex-officio member of the Council from an affiliated state organization.

The matter could be repaired for the coming year by seeing to it that the Executive Committee or the President, in making the two appointments which they jointly make, select as one of the appointees an ex-officio member. When you prepare your recommendations to whoever speaks for the Nominating Committee at the Board meeting, have this matter in mind.

Additionally, I suggest that at the time of the forthcoming Executive Committee meeting, October 28th and 29th, you, on your own initiative, infallibly and without forgetting, raise the matter of nominees from the President and the Executive Committee to next year's Committee. When they raise it, they will want to know whom you recommend, so be ready as to names on which you and I have consulted. If this little chore is attended to ahead of time, you are then in a neat position with the Board meeting to say that the President and the Executive Committee have made their joint nominations; that the Nominating Committee recommends the following three additional names; and that, therefore, next year's Nominating Committee, compatible with the by-laws as amended, is available.

An alternative device would be to have one of those names put up by the Nominating Committee which just met as the joint nomination of the President and the Executive Committee; the while you badgered the Nominating Committee to select an ex-officio member of the Board.

cc: Exec. Com. Mtg. file 10/28-29/55
Board Mtg. File 11/9/55
Extra Copy to be turned up to GSM for 11/9/55 Bd. Mtg.
Nominating Committee File '55-56

eab/

OMNIA OMNIBUS

The Oratory

ROCK HILL
SOUTH CAROLINA

OCTOBER 27, 1955

OCT 28 1955

DR. GEORGE S. MITCHELL
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC.
ROOM 432, 63 AUBURN AVENUE N. E.
ATLANTA 3, GEORGIA

DEAR DOCTOR:

RE YOURS OF THE 14TH.

I WOULD CONCUR WITH THE SUGGESTION OF MR. MAYS THAT THE REVEREND E. A. MCDOWELL OF WAKE FOREST BE NOMINATED TO THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

SINCERELY YOURS IN CHRIST AND ST. PHILIP,

Maurice V. Shean

(VERY REV.) MAURICE V. SHEAN, C. O.
PROVOST

MVS:E

Nominating Committee

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC.

Report of Nominating Committee to Board of Directors in Meeting at Tuskegee Institute, Alabama on November 9, 1955.

In accordance with the By-Laws of the Council, the Nominating Committee met on Saturday, October 8, 1955 in Atlanta, Georgia.

Present at the meeting were Father Maurice V. Shean (served as chairman); Mr. Benjamin E. Mays; and Mr. Philip Hammer. Mr. George Mitchell served as secretary to the Committee.

The Committee having been apprised of vacancies on the board; list of officers; and other committees due to resignations and graduation agreed on the following nominations:

(* Indicates nominations for re-election)

Members of the Board

Alabama

*Dr. C. G. Gomillion, Tuskegee Institute
Mr. Wm Kaufman, Mobile
Dr. L. H. Foster, Tuskegee Institute accepted 11/14/55

Arkansas

*Mrs. W. F. Bates, Little Rock
Mr. M. Lafayette Harris, Little Rock — accepted 12/20/55

Florida

*Mr. Herbert Davidson, Daytona Beach

Georgia

*Mr. J. A. Griffin, Emory University
*Dr. J. M. Richards, Decatur
*Dr. H. V. Richardson, Atlanta Declined 12/15/55
Mr. Robert Snodgrass, Atlanta — Declined 12/16/55
Mrs. Robert McDougall, Atlanta — 4101 Club Drive NE Atl Ga
Mr. Leonard Hass, Atlanta — accepted 12/20/55

Kentucky

Mrs. William Heuser, Louisville — 3318 Trinity Rd Ky — Declined 12/14/55

Louisiana

* Miss Florence Sytz, New Orleans
Mr. Monte Lemann, New Orleans — 6110 Marquette St — Declined 12/15/55

Mississippi

The Rt. Rev. Monsignor Brunini, Jackson accepted 4/11/56

North Carolina

* Dr. E. A. McDowell, Wake Forest
* The Rt. Rev. E. A. Penick, Raleigh
Mr. Harry L. Golden, Charlotte accepted Dec. 12, 1955

Oklahoma

Mr. James Stewart accepted 3/6/56 548 NE 4th Street Oklahoma City 4, Okla.

South Carolina

* The Very Rev. M. V. Shean, Rock Hill
Mr. James M. Dabbs, Mayesville accepted 12/17/55
Executive Committee

Tennessee

* Mr. Paul Christopher, Knoxville
* Dr. Chas. S. Johnson, Nashville
* Mrs. J. Fount Tillman, Lewisburg

Texas

* Mrs. J. M. Rayzor, Houston
* Mr. J. Edwin Smith, Houston

Virginia

Mr. Frank Price, Lexington Route 1, Lex Va
Declined 12/13/55

Alternates for Board (All New)

Alabama

Mrs. Myra Jones Bryant, Birmingham accepted 1/13/56 Letter of invitation sent 12/21/55
Mr. York ~~Willbern~~, Tuscaloosa accepted 1/16/56
WILLBERN

Arkansas

Mrs. E. M. Sparling, Hot Springs accepted 3/6/56

Kentucky

Mr. Mark Etheridge, Louisville Declined 12/27/55

Louisiana

Mrs. Jacqueline Leonhard

Mississippi

Mr. Purser Hewitt, Jackson

North Carolina

Mr. Julian Price, Greensboro
Dr. Raymond Wheeler

South Carolina

Mr. W. E. Solomon, Columbia — accepted 1/16/56
Mr. Chester E. Travelstead, Columbia — Invited — Declined 12/27/55

Virginia

Mrs. J. Birdsall Calkins, Arlington, Invited — declined 2/7/56
5010 - 14th Street North

Officers (* Indicates nominations for re-election)

* President	-------	Marion A. Wright
Vice-President	-------	Paul D. Williams
* Vice-President	-------	Gordon B. Hancock
* Vice-President	-------	Albert W. Dent no
* Vice-President	-------	Carter Wesley
Counsel	-------	Vacancy, to be filled ad-interim by Executive Committee

Leonard Haas
Nominated from floor

Executive Committee (*Indicates nominations for re-elections)

Chairman	-------	* Rufus E. Clement
		J. M. Dabbs — accepted 12/17/55
		~~* Mrs. Cassandra M. Birnie~~
		* Paul Christopher
		* John A. Griffin
		* Harry V. Richardson
		* Maurice V. Shean
		* Miss Josephine Wilkins
		E. A. McDowell — Declined
		and above officers

Nominating Committee (All New)

I. H. Burney
Guy Johnson
Mrs. E. U. Robinson

(Elected by Executive Committee in Meeting October 28-29,1955)

Carroll Brooke, Virginia
B. R. Brazeal, Georgia

acclamation

95M mailed especially to
L. Haas
JM Dabbs
The reelected
EA McDowell

11/9/55

Board -

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November 22, 1955

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Mr. George S. Mitchell
Executive Director
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
63 Auburn Ave. N.E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear George:

Thank you for yours of November 16, 1955. Because of the circumstances previously related to you, I must ask that my resignation from the Board, as well as the Executive Committee, stand and be made effective.

With every kind personal regard, I am

Sincerely,

Morris B. Abram

A/c
CC: Marion A. Wright

noted on card

moved ——→

That we accept with deep regret the resignation from the executive committee of Mr Morris Abram; that we ask his reconsideration of resignation from the Board but should he deem the resignation should stand, that it too be accepted with regret.

BOARD MEMBERS WHOSE TERMS EXPIRE WITH ANNUAL MEETING OF Nov. 1955

Abram, Morris B.

Coker, James L.
Christopher, Paul R.
Clement, A. J.
Davidson, Herbert M.
Duncan, O. D.

Friedman, S. Thomas

Gomillion, Charles G.
Griffin, John A.

Johnson, Charles S.

~~Lanier, R. O'H.~~ unable Oct 22 (inv'td)

Mantinband, Charles
McDowell, E. A.
Milner, Clyde

Parrish, Charles
Penick, Bishop E. A.

Rayzor, Mrs. J. N.
Richards, J. M.

Shean, Father
~~Smith~~, R. Edwin
~~Speqrman~~, Mrs. E. H.
Sytz, Florence

~~Tillman, Mrs. J. Font~~ written Oct 22 (inv'td)
Thomas, Judge
Turnipseed, Rev. A.
W
[redacted]

Mr. M. Lafayette Harris,
Philander-Smith College,
Little Rock,
ARKANSAS.

December 9th, 1955.

Dear Mr. Harris,

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Sincerely yours,

(Dr. George S. Mitchell,
Executive Director.)

GSM:rl.
Encls.

Mrs. William Heuser,
3318 Trinity Road,
Louisville,
KENTUCKY.

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Director: Mobile Community
Chest and Council,
Mobile, ALABAMA.

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OKLAHOMA.

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December 13, 1955

Dr. George S. Mitchell,
Executive Director,
Southern Regional Council,
Atlanta 3, Ga.

RECEIVED DEC 14 1955

Dear Dr. Mitchell:

Thank you for your letter of December 9th, inviting me to serve as a Board member of Southern Regional Council.

I am deeply interested in the work of the Council and the principles for which it strives, and am doing all I can in a humble way to further the cause in which we believe.

It would be an honor to serve on the Board. However, I am leaving the South in January of next year to take a new responsibility as Director of the Missionary Research Library in New York and Secretary of the Research Committee of the Division of Foreign Missions. This is a return to the fields of world missions and the ecumenical church to which I have given most of my life.

Since I shall not be living in the South for the next few years I feel that someone else should be invited to serve in my place on the Board. Hence I must with regret decline your invitation.

With all good wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Frank W. Price

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Mr. Frank Price,
Route 1,
Lexington,
VIRGINIA.

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Rev. Frank Wilson Price,
New Monmouth Church,
R.F.D.1 Lexington,
VIRGINIA.

December 14th, 1955.

Dear Mr. Price,

Thank you for writing. We all admire you, and wish you every harvest of courage and purpose.

Sincerely yours,

(Dr. George S. Mitchell,
Executive Director.)

GSM:rl.

J. BLANC MONROE
MONTE M. LEMANN
J. RABURN MONROE
MALCOLM L. MONROE
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Dr. George S. Mitchell,
Executive Director,
Southern Regional Council, Inc.,
63 Auburn Ave., N.E.,
Atlanta 3, Ga.

Dear Dr. Mitchell:-

I have your letter of December 9 and appreciate the invitation to serve as a Director of the Southern Regional Council. I have some familiarity with the work of the Council, read its publications and am in sympathy with its objectives.

However, I hesitate to accept election to the Board at this time, particularly because I am now serving as a member of a Committee of the Association of the Bar of the City of New York (of which I am a non-resident member) which is making a study of the Federal Loyalty-Security Program. This study is also being financed by the Fund for the Republic and has, therefore, also been a target for attack by Mr. Fulton Lewis, Jr. I think Mr. Lewis would have difficulty in con= vincing most people that the members of the Bar Committee are "pro-Reds", but I think it preferable to leave him as little basis for attack as possible. In view of the fact that your work is also being subsidized by the Fund for the Republic, and that Mr. Lewis has already launched an attack upon you and the members of your Board, I think it on the whole best to stand aside, at least for the time being, from membership on your Board. I would have an added difficulty at any time in giving effective service as a member of the Board, because I am already committed to so many meetings out of the City that I would find it impossible to take on more. Also I already have much difficulty in keeping up with my reading.

With renewed thanks for your invitation, I am

Sincerely yours,

Monte Lemann

MML/SW

Mr. Monte Lemann,
6110 Marquette Street,
New Orleans,
LOUISIANA.

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Mr. M. A. Wright, President
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
Linville Falls, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Wright:

I was glad to hear from you again, and I assure you that I will be honored to serve as a member of the Board of Directors of the Southern Regional Council. As you pointed out, my time for service will be short, but I will do whatever I can until I leave South Carolina late in January. I feel now more than ever the future of the deep south will depend a great deal upon the vision, wisdom, and courage of such people as one may find connected with the Southern Regional Council. I commend you and the others for the fine work that you are doing.

Cordially yours,

Chester C. Travelstead

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Pres.: Would you please write Mr. Travelstead.
M.

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Mrs. William P. Heuser — Gen. Corresp
3318 Trinity Road
Louisville 6, Kentucky

December 14, 1955

Mr. George S. Mitchell,
Executive Director,
Southern Regional Council,
63 Auburn Ave. N.E.,
Atlanta 3, Georgia.

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Dear Mr. Mitchell -

Thank you so much for your letter of December 9 and the confidence you and the Board of the Southern Regional Council have expressed in me, by electing me to the board. I regret, however, that I cannot accept, as I am not in a position to take on responsibilities in addition to those I am now carrying.

Sincerely,
Mary Virginia Heuser
(Mrs. William P.)

Mr. Harry L. Golden,
The Carolina Israelite,
P.O. Box 2505 - 1229 Elizabeth Avenue,
Charlotte 1,
NORTH CAROLINA.

December 14th, 1955.

Dear Mr. Golden,

We appreciate you.

Sincerely yours,

(Dr. George S. Mitchell,
Executive Directory)

GSM:rl.

P. O. Box 2505 - 1229 Elizabeth Avenue
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The Carolina Israelite

HARRY L. GOLDEN
Editor

December 12, 1955.

Dr. George S. Mitchell, Exec. Director
Southern Regional Council
63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

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Dear Dr. Mitchell:-

I am honored by the decision of the Board to elect me as one of the directors of the Southern Regional Council. I accept with gratitude and hope that I may justify the confidence of my sponsors.

Of course I am fully aware of the recent attack upon the Fund for the Republic and the Southern Regional Council. It would be tragic if people like the Journal-American succeeded in doing what they set out to do in the first place--scare people from participation and interest in projects which they find objectionable. I remember the time when old William Randolph Hearst demanded that the public utilities be confiscated from their private owners and down in Public School No. 20, we were debating the thing all over the place in 5B, and I remember distinctly that I took issue with Hearst on his Bolshevist proposal.

This stuff is nothing new. Not since the time they called the Protestant Reformation--subversive.

Please extend my thanks and appreciation to the members of the Board, and I wish you all a Happy Holiday Season.

Cordially yours,
Harry L. Golden
Harry L. Golden, ed.

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(Dr. George S. Mitchell,
Executive Director.)

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Encls.

Mrs. C. M. Birnie,
864 Hunter Street, N.W.,
Atlanta,
GEORGIA.

December 14th, 1955.

Dear Cassandra,

We hate like the dickens to lose you. Let me come to pay you a visit; not to beg you to change your mind, but to rejoice in friendship.

Sincerely yours,

(Dr. George S. Mitchell,
Executive Director.)

GSM:rl.

Bd - Resignation

December 13, 1955

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COPY

Mr. Marion A. Wright
President, Southern Regional Council, Inc.
"Top Knot"
Linville Falls, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Wright:

It is with regret that I here tender my resignation as member of the Executive Committee of the Southern Regional Council and as a member of the Board of the Southern Regional Council, to be effective immediately.

I have for some time felt that a busy schedule has prevented my being able to give as much time and attention as one should to the work at hand. I therefore think it only fair that I make known my decision at this time so that your office might have a free hand in selecting another to serve during the coming year.

I shall greatly miss the very pleasant association I have had with you and each of the other persons interested in the welfare of the Southern Regional Council. I shall continue to be interested in the welfare and progress of the work being done by the Council, and wish the organization every success.

With every kind wish to you, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Cassandra Maxwell Birnie

CMB/eam
cc: Dr. George S. Mitchell
Executive Director
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Rev. Robert E. Hughes,
Moore Building, Room 206,
Court Street,
Montgomery,
ALABAMA.

December 14th, 1955.

Dear Bob,

Here is our reply from Mr. Kaufman.

Sincerely yours,

(Dr. George S. Mitchell,
Executive Director).

GSM:rl.
Encl.

C O P Y:

UNITED FUND OF MOBILE COUNTY, INC.,
204 St. Francis Street,
P. O. Box 1561,
Mobile, Ala.

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Southern Regional Council,
63, Auburn Avenue, N.E.,
Atlanta, 3, GEORGIA.

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Sincerely yours,

(Signed) WILLIAM KAUFMAN

Executive Director.

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Judge L. C. Thomas,
1035 N. W. Second Avenue,
Miami,
FLORIDA.

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cc. (blind)
G.S. Alexander.

Corresp. Gen. — MA.

Mrs. Robert Leak MacDougall
4141 Club Drive, N.E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dec. 15, 1955

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Dear Mr. Mitchell,

Thank you for your letter of December 9 asking me to serve on the board of the Southern Regional Council. I deeply appreciate the honor, but cannot accept it.

I have resolved to give all my efforts and energy to work on the City Executive Committee until after the election in 1957. I am gradually giving up everything else except my church work.

You know how highly I esteem the work of the Southern Regional Council and how deeply indebted I, as a citizen, am to you for your work in race relations.

Sincerely yours,
Margaret MacDougall

P.S. Excuse delay. I was out of town when your letter came.
M. MacD.

Mrs. Robert McDougall,
4141 Club Drive N.E.,
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251 Island Ct.,
Mobile,
ALABAMA.

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Mr. J. M. Dabbs,
RFD,
Rip Raps,
Mayesville, S. C.

December 15th, 1955.

Dear Mr. Dabbs,

Two items: an invite (most sincere and urgent) and a forthcoming visitor.

The invite: The Board of SRC when it met, last November 9th, had a report of a nominating Committee that said to ask you to be on the Board of Directors, and on the Executive Committee. The Board, as you well know, meets once a year; the Committee once a quarter. Troublesome to be on the Executive Committee, but it has the active power to run the show, and to do some good. Each pays for travel and lodging and so on. I know you have too many distractions from pure agriculture, but the Committee would be pleasant about letting you stay at home when there's lettuce-lifting or something else urgent. We want just your temper and management, please Sir!

The visitor. A Quakerish guy named Frank Loescher. He taught Economics or something at Randolph-Macon W.C. in Lynchburg for some years, and then did human relations things in Philadelphia. Now looks around for the Fund for the Republic, sizing up the outfits that ask it for money, and keeping a gentle eye on those that have had help. Plans a Southern tour in January, and sometime between Tuesday January 10th and Friday January 13th, (when footloose in N.C. and S.C.) will doubtless come a'rolling up your lane. Peach of a guy, keenly perceiving, just accurate in his sympathies. You will both be pleased with him. He'll be on the run for the next place, but an hour by the stove will be rewarding to the three of you.

Appreciatively yours,

(Dr. George S. Mitchell,
Executive Director.)

P.S. My wife's Presbyterian relatives shower me with each fresh issue of the Outlook, bedecked so well!
GSM:rl.

Bd of Dir - Committee - Nomination

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R.F.D.,
Rip Raps,
Mayesville, S. C.

December 16th, 1955.

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When I wrote you yesterday I omitted what straining care had led me to put into the letters to the other people asked on the Board - the current rush of accusations that SRC is a bunch of reds. How far all that will have trickled to you I don't know, and I hasten to add the same paragraph and enclose that the others had; I would not have it said that we got anybody to be part of us without knowledge ahead of time of the silly fussing.

There aren't any reds, andnever were (with the possible exception of a Birmingham member back in 1944-47 or so); and 'tis but a part of the effort of genuine subversives to paint loyal Americans as something else, just because we stand up for the Court and for modern opinions. So more power to us; and I think the country, and the South, will come to share our views!

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Texas Southern University,
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TEXAS.

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Guilford College,
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Mr. O.D. Duncan,
Oklahoma A. & M. College,
Stillwater,
OKLAHOMA.

December 16th, 1955.

Dear Mr. Duncan,

I don't yet have a response from the man Jimmie Stewart whom we elected to the Board in the room of your expiring term. But in any case we are deeply grateful to you for flying bravely the Flag of Oklahoma for all the years since 1944. A world's record, and 'twas well done.

Appreciatively yours,

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Mr. Robert R. Snodgrass,
Atlas Auto Finance Company,
262-264 Spring Street, N.W.,
Atlanta 3,
GEORGIA.

December 19th, 1955.

Dear Mr. Snodgrass,

We are sorry not to have you on our Board, where we would have welcomed your judgment. Most kind of you to evidence so tangibly your interest in what the Council works at.

Sincerely yours,

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Southern Regional Council, Inc.
63 Auburn Avenue, N. E., Room 432
Atlanta 3, Georgia

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I am attaching our check to help you in the fine work you are doing.

With every good wish, particularly at this wonderful Season of the year,

Most sincerely,

Robert R. Snodgrass

RRS:g

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2293 Dellwood Drive, N.W.,
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Dr. E. A. McDowell,
Southern Baptist Theological Seminary,
Wake Forrest, NORTH CAROLINA.

December 19th, 1955.

Dear Dr. McDowell,

Two fingers in one matter, and we get crossed up a bit!

When the SRC had its annual Board meeting November 9th the Board (which elects to its own membership and to its Executive Committee) elected you (subject, of course, to your acceptance) to the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee meets four times a year, and has most of our day-to-day policy answers to give. Traditionally it met in Atlanta, but nowadays we spread about a bit, and have met lately at Mammoth Cave, Ky., and shall be meeting at New Orleans and on St. Helena's Island. Customary to cover expenses of Committee members. The Committee has nine elected members, plus the President of the Council, and the three or four vice-Presidents, plus the General Counsel, Mr. Leonard Haas.

I know you are busy, and had put off writing you because I knew the load you carry. But the Committee and the Board urgently want your share in advice and direction, and we all greatly hope you can agree to serve. We will promise to be as undemanding of your time as can be, and would be grateful for your getting to meetings with no more than standard regularity (which is grand for some, and lazy for others!)

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Dr. E. A. McDowell,
Southern Baptist Theological Seminary,
Wake Forrest,

December 19th, 1955.

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Do write us what you decide. We will hope that you can serve in this kind way.

Sincerely yours,

(Dr. George S. Mitchell,
Executive Director.)

GSM:rl.
Encls.

Mr. Leonard Haas,
Haas-Howell Building,
Atlanta,
Georgia.

December 19th, 1955.

Dear Leonard,

The Board of the Southern Regional Council, when it met November 9th, 1955, elected you to membership. My recollection is that years ago you were duly on the rolls of the Board, and then when the office of Counsel had a Board seat allotted to it, ex-officio - we put some body or other in your former elected-place on the Board. This time the nominating committee and the Board wished to make certain that even if at one time or another you should succeed in getting free from the burden of being Counsel you would still be on the Board. Hence your due and regular election, to a four year term beginning November 10th, 1955. I do hope you will accept, and please us all.

Sincerely yours,

(Dr. George S. Mitchell,
Executive Director.)

GSM:rl.
c.c.
G.S.A.

Mr. Marion A. Wright,
Top Knot,
Linville Falls,
NORTH CAROLINA.

December 19th, 1955.

Dear Marion,

Travelstead was elected as an alternate, but so many of the first-string people have turned us down that we must plainly dip into the alternates. In that effort I wrote Travelstead about December 16th, asking him to come on the Board, if only for a while. Hope he will accept.

Sincerely yours,

(Dr. George S. Mitchell,
Executive Director.)

GSM:rl.

GSA

from

GSM

IF you will let me know the next people (from among alternates now?) to be invited onto the Board, I will duly write them

Dec 20, '55

GM

ALTERNATES FOR BOARD OF DIRECTORS

ALABAMA

(Negro) Mrs. Myra J. Bryant
431 - 12th Terrace, N.
Birmingham, Alabama

Regular election

KENTUCKY

Mr. Mark Etheridge
THE COURIER-JOURNAL
Louisville, Kentucky

Special XXD

LOUISIANA

Mrs. Jacqueline Leonhard
Society for Crippled Children
New Orleans, Louisiana

-regular election

Board Nominations 1955-56

Mrs. Myra J. Bryant,
431 - 12th Terrace N.,
Birmingham,
ALABAMA.

December 21st., 1955.

Dear Mrs. Bryant,

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Sincerely yours,

(Dr. George S. Mitchell,
Executive Director.)

GSM:rl.
Encls.

Mrs. Jacqueline Leonhard,
Society for Crippled Children,
New Orleans,
LOUISIANA.

December 22nd. 1955.

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Encls.

Memo . . . FROM THE DESK OF ? Rid Dan Ross.

. . . GRACE T. HAMILTON . . .

Nominating Committee '55

To: GSM

We have had declinations for Board membership from Dr. Philip Weltner and Mr. Edward Norton, for the office of vice-president from Harry Ashmore, and for the office of treasurer.

Hugo Black, Jr., was the alternate elected for Mr. Norton's place, and Mr. Thomas Robinson, Charlotte, North Carolina was the alternate proposed for Hodding Carter's place. Mr. Carter accepted. I would suggest that Mr. Robinson be regarded as an alternate for Philip Weltner, and that letters inviting Attorney Black and Mr. Robinson to Board membership be sent as soon as convenient.

In view of the fact that we have not heard from Mr. Burney, it would seem advisable to wait until we hear from him before approaching Attorney Rinehart in Florida. I would suggest that filling of the vice-president's place as well as that of the treasurer's become the business of the Nominating Committee.

I feel this is very important. FBR.

Mrs. Tilly expects to leave word in Nashville that we would like to have a direct word from Bishop Watkins as to his acceptance of Board membership.

January 5, 1956

Mr. Mark F. Ethridge, Publisher
The Courier-Journal and The Louisville Times
Louisville 2, Kentucky

Dear Mr. Ethridge:

Your reasons are compelling, and we are grateful for the care with which you set them forth. A sign of a conscientious man from this part of the world! Had it been possible for you to serve, though, you would have been among fellow-spirits; things sharpen these days, and we have to be pretty strong to feel honest.

Every good wish to you, to the Paper, and Louisville, and Kentucky. We are grateful always for the progress that Kentucky has shown, and know that the Courier-Journal has stood up cleanly for what is right and American.

Appreciatively,

George S. Mitchell,
Executive Director

GSM:mef

Copy (and incoming): Marion A. Wright

BARRY BINGHAM, President

MARK F. ETHRIDGE, Publisher

LISLE BAKER, JR. Vice Pres. & Gen. Mgr.

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1955

Dr. George S. Mitchell
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
Room 432, 63 Auburn Avenue, N.E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear George:

Thank you for your letter of December 22. It would be more of a temptation to serve now that you are under fire than it would have been in the past when you weren't, but unfortunately I can't. I am on the board of the Associated Press, the Ford Foundation, the University of Beirut and the Printing House for the Blind. All except the last meet in New York and require that I be away from Louisville. I am interested in all of them and try to make a point to be present. In addition, I am chairman of the Louisville Bridge Commission, which, after four years of trying, is about to get a new bridge across the Ohio for Louisville. In addition, Barry Bingham will be away from Louisville working for Stevenson until the Democratic convention, certainly, and if Stevenson is nominated, until the election. I am doing his work as editor of the Courier Journal as well as my own as publisher. I can't pledge myself either to go away from Louisville any more than I am now going or to give myself to any more problems than I have. On those grounds alone, I would have to say no.

Besides, there are two other things that you should think about as disqualifying me as being useful to you, one of them even perhaps prejudicial: that is, my trusteeship of the Ford Foundation. Although you are familiar with the relationship between the Fund and the Foundation, Fulton Lewis and his cohorts choose to ignore it. Because of the Braden case both Lewis and Pegler have undertaken to hook me up with the Communist sympathizers. My presence on your board would give them another stick to beat you with.

There is another reason that you shouldn't want me. I don't have the slightest patience with, or the slightest tolerance for, the Citizens Councils or what they stand for. The Courier Journal, under my urging, has denounced them so violently that wherever in the South our views are known, we are equated with the N.A.A.C.P. My counsel

would probably be more violent and uncompromising than your board would accept, and probably more so than it should accept. I am of the Deep South by birth, but not of the Deep South on this issue. I would not be good for you and you probably would be too reasonable for me. But the reasons outlined in my first paragraph are compelling and my membership on the Foundation Trustees in itself should be persuasive to you. I must, therefore, ask you to thank the board and present my regrets.

Best wishes,

Sincerely,

Mark

Mark Ethridge

Mr. Mark Etheridge,
The Courier-Journal,
Louisville,
KENTUCKY.

December 22nd., 1955.

Dear Mark,

You've been our friend in times past. The Board, when it met last month, elected you to be a member of the Board again, subject, of course, to your accepting.

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You know all about what sort of a show the Council is, so I do nothing in the persuasive line. But in all fairness I let you know that we have been jumped on, probably libellously, by those who are running a warfare against the Fund for the Republic, which has given us a substantial grant. The Hearst Journal-American, in New York, on November 7th, 1955, published a scandalous article claiming that 21 of our Board members were "pro reds", categorizing thus a string of outstanding Southern leaders; four or five College and University Presidents, an piscopal Bishop, a couple of newspaper publishers, various ministers, and so on. I send you a paid advertisement in which the Virginia form of the white citizens' councils republished this attack. Also Fulton Lewis, Jr., doubtless by careful concert, made much in his broadcasts in mid-November of the Journal-American charges. The editor of the Chattanooga Times put his finger neatly on the truth in a column which is enclosed.

We would greatly like for you to be part of the group which sets our course. Troublous times, and wise men are needed, by SRC. Do think about it with care, and see if you can let us have some of yourself.

Sincerely yours,

GSM:rl. Encls.

(Dr. George S. Mitchell,
Executive Director.)

Board - Nomination

January 6, 1956

Mr. W.E. Solomon,
1719 Taylor St.,
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Mr. Solomon:

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We do hope you will consent to serve. We will be glad to send you anything further about the SRC that you may wish. Write us your decision.

Sincerely yours,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

Encls.

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Board - Nominations

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Mr. York Wilburn,
University of Alabama,
Tuscaloosa, Alabama

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George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mcf

Encls.

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January 8, 1956

Mrs. J. Birdsall Calkins
5010 - 14th St., North
Arlington, Va.

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Executive Director

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Encls.

RALPH C. PRICE
611 JEFFERSON STANDARD BUILDING
GREENSBORO, N. C.

January 17, 1956

RECEIVED JAN 18 1956

Mr. George S. Mitchell
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
Room 432, 63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Mr. Mitchell:

I have your letter of January 8th addressed to Mr. Julian Price. My father by that name died in 1946 and while living I am sure he was interested in all Southern activities, such as your Council.

I read over the printed matter and I can see that you have your problems. I trust, however, that you will get everything straightened out.

Yours truly,

R. C. Price

Ralph C. Price

RCP/e

Nominating Committee

MEMORANDUM

TO: Executive Committee

RE: Board Members

FROM: George S. Mitchell, Executive Director

The following persons who were nominated as alternates have not as yet been extended an invitation to join the board:

1. Mr. Purser Hewitt, Jackson, Mississippi
2. Dr. Raymond Wheeler, North Carolina

The Board as of January 18, 1956, has 78 members and 5 vacancies.

The ex-officio membership is complete.

January 18, 1956

Board - Nominating Comm.

January 19, 1956

Mr. Ralph C. Price
611 Jefferson Standard Building
Greensboro, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Price:

Sorry. We at this remove from Greensboro only knew there was a thoughtful Mr. Price there. And whoever was on the Nominating Committee gave in your father's name.

I hope later on I can make your acquaintance.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

Board Nominating 1955-56

February 8, 1956

Mrs. J. Birdsall Calkins
White Pickets
5010 - 14th Street North
Arlington 5, Virginia

Dear Mrs. Calkins:

We are sorry not to have you; but keep on helping reasonableness in your spot!

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

WHITE PICKETS
5010 - 14TH STREET NORTH
ARLINGTON 5, VIRGINIA

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GSa 2/8/56

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February 7, 1956

Mr. George S. Mitchell
Executive Director, Southern Regional Council
63 Auburn Ave.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Mitchell:

Thank you very much for your kind letter of January 8th. I do apologize that it has not been answered before this, but I have been away from Washington for a large part of this period.

I do appreciate your invitation to become a member of the Board of Directors of the Southern Regional Council, and the honor you have done me to suggest my name for this.

It will not , however, be possible for me to accept. I find that the organizational committments and responsibilities that I am already carrying are all that time and strength will allow, and I must not for the time being at least, accept additional ones.

May I however,send, with my regrets, my good wishes for whatever your organization is doing to advance the cause of better race relationships and understanding in the South,through sound methods of education, good program, and wise leadership.

Many of us have this very close to our hearts, and even tho we are not an active part of your organization, are working in other ways toward the goal of better education and greater justice for all our citizens in the south.

Very sincerely yours,

Gladys G. Calkins

Mrs. J. Birdsall Calkins

Office of Secretary

Afro-American Life Insurance Company

Incorporated under the laws of Florida
DR. A. L. LEWIS, Founder
HOME OFFICE
P. O. Box 660
JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA

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November 7, 1956

Mr. G. S. Alexander, Administrative Assistant
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
Room 432
63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Alexander:

I want to be certain that you are preparing the report for the Nominating Meeting which was held in Atlanta.

I would like to suggest that the Nominating Committee have its second (2nd) meeting at noon, November 14, 1956, Williamsburg, Virginia. Would you so notify the members of the Nominating Committee?

Very respectfully yours,

Burney.

I. H. BURNEY, II
VICE-PRESIDENT-SECRETARY

IHB/p

Nominating Committee - 1956-57

J. M. Richards
B. E. Mays
C. G. Gomillion

Note: above three elected 11/14/56
2 more to be elected by Exec.Com.

Mrs. Grace Hamilton *
Phil Hasnsner *

September 12, 1957

MEMORANDUM

To: H. C. F.

From: P. A.

Subj: Duties of the Nominating Committee

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The by-laws state that the Nominating Committee shall meet for the purposes of nominating:

(1) Members of the Council 64-74 + officers (6 excl treas.)

(2) Officers of the Council (all are ex-officio members)
   a. President
   b. Vice-Presidents up to 4
   c. Treasurer
   d. Counsel

(3) Members of the Executive Committee*
   a. Executive Committee consists of not more than nine (9) members from the Council membership plus the president, vice-presidents, treasurer and counsel.

(4) Three members of succeeding Nominating Committee
   a. The Nominating Committee is composed of not less than five (5) members of which three (3) are elected by the Council at the Annual Meeting and two (2) are appointed by joint action of the President and the Executive Committee.

*Members of the current Executive Committee of 14 persons are:

1959 Council Members	1957 (Regular) Council Members	1957 (Ex-officio) Members
Paul Christopher	Rufus E. Clement	B. R. Brazeal
J. M. Dabbs	Miss Josephine Wilkins	Duncan Hunter
Albert W. Dent	Paul D. Williams	
John A. Griffin		
Joseph F. Haas		
Gordon B. Hancock		
Harry V. Richardson		
Father A. O. Sigur		
Marion A. Wright		

BOARD MEMBERS WHOSE TERMS EXPIRE WITH ANNUAL MEETING OF NOVEMBER, 1957

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Atwood, R. B.

Barbare, Ralph
Bates, Mrs. W. F.
Birnie, Mrs. C. M.
Bond, U. S.

Clement, R. E.
Clingman, Bishop Charles

Hamilton, Mrs. Grace T.

Johnson, Guy B.

~~Lewis, Mr. John G.~~ not invited
invited Oct 22
Looby, Dr A.

Mays, B. E.
McCann, John
Milton, L. D.
Moron, A. G.

Palmer, E. W.

Reddix, Dr. J. L.
Richardson, H. V.
Robinson, Mrs. E. U.

~~Shaw, Charles~~ invited Oct 22
Stroud, Mrs. Tommy

Weiss, Morton
Wheeler, John H.
Wilkins, Josephine
Williams, Paul
Young, Thomas W.

PERSONS SUGGESTED FOR SRC BOARD MEMBERSHIP

Walter Sharp, Nashville, Tennessee. Dept., Fine Arts, Vanderbilt

C.A. McKnight, Charlotte, N.C. Editor, Charlotte Observer

Philip Davidson, Louisville, Kentucky. President, University of Louisville

Francis Pickens Miller, Charlottesville, Virginia. Churchman, etc.

Paul Green, Chapel Hill, N.C. Playwright

Fred Darragh, Little Rock, Arkansas. Businessman

~~[illegible]~~

Irving Carlyle, Winston-Salem, N.C. Lawyer

Riley B. Montgomery, Lexington, Kentucky. President, College of the Bible

Merrimon Cunningim, Dallas, Texas. Dean, School of Theology, SMU

William Faulkner, Oxford, Mississippi. Novelist

Benjamin Muse, Manassas, Virginia. Newspaperman and former Congressman

Lambert Davis, Chapel Hill, N.C. Director U.N.C. Press

John B. Orr, Miami, Florida. State legislator

Winthrop Rockefeller, Winrock Farm, Arkansas. Farmer and industrialist

Henry Louttit, Orlando, Florida. Episcopal Bishop

R. P. Daniel, Petersburg, Virginia. President, Virginia State College

Rabbi Jacob Rothschild, Atlanta, Georgia

Rabbi Emil Leipziger, New Orleans, Louisiana

William Baggs, Miami, Florida. Editor, Miami Daily News

Camille Gravel, New Orleans, Louisiana. Lawyer and Democratic Committeeman

Richard Trippeer, Memphis, Tennessee. President, Memphis Chamber of Commerce

James Stokely, Newport, Tennessee. Writer

Guy H. Wells, Atlanta, Georgia. Former president, GSCW

Edwin Dunnaway, Little Rock, Arkansas. Lawyer

Harold Kilpatrick, Austin, Texas. Director, Texas Council of Churches

Edward Driscoll, Atlanta, Georgia. Executive Secretary, Georgia Council of Churches

Dean Ferguson, Milsaps College, Jackson, Mississippi

Nelson Poynter, St. Petersburg, Florida. Editor, Times

Stanley Marcus, Dallas, Texas. Department store executive

Archbishop Robert Lucey, San Antonio, Texas. Catholic clergyman

Bishop Noland B. Harmon, Charlotte, N.C. Methodist

Dr. John Rustin, Belmont Methodist Church, Nashville, Tennessee

Dr. Lester Rumble, Atlanta, Georgia. District Superintendent, Methodist Church

Dow Kirkpatrick, Atlanta, Georgia. Methodist minister

Dr. Claude Thompson, Atlanta, Georgia. Emory University School of Theology

DAVIDSON, Philip Grant, Jr. ~~coll. dean~~; b. Omaha, Neb., May 28, 1902; s. Philip Grant and Jessie (Hartwell) D.; B.S., U. of Miss. 1922; A.M., U. of Chicago, 1925, Ph.D., 1929; m. Jane Campbell Foot, Aug. 10, 1922; children--Ada Page, Philip Grant. High sch. prin. Indianola, Miss., 1922-23; prin. Avon, Miss., 1923-24, Swifttown, Miss., 1924-25; prof. of History , Agens Scott Coll. (Ga.), 1928-42; exec. sec., Adv. Faculty Council, The Univ. Center in Ga., 1938-42; dean of the Sr. Coll. and Grad Sch., Vanderbilt U., since 1942. Mem. Am. Hist. Assn., Miss Valley Hist. Assn., Southern Hist. Assn., Phi Beta Kappa, Omicron Delta Kappa. Episcopalian. Clubs: Rotary, Round Table. Author: Propaganda and the American Revolution, 1941. Home: 310 24th Av. S., Nashville, Tenn. Now Pres. U. of Louisville, Ky.

ETHRIDGE, Mark Foster, publisher; b. Meridian, Miss., Apr. 22, 1896; s. William Nathaniel and Mary (Howell) E; student U. of Miss., 1914-15, Mercer U., Macon, Ga., 1916-17; m. Willie Snow, Oct. 12, 1921; children--Mary Snow, Mark Foster, Georgia Cubbedge and William Davidson. Began as reporter for Meridian Star, 1913, later reporter with Columbus (Ga.) Enquirer Sun; city editor, 1919-22, mng. editor, 1925-33, Macon (Ga.) Telegraph; with N.Y. Sun and Consolidated Press, 1923-24, Associated Press, 1933; asst. gen. mgr. Washington Post, 1933-34; pres. and pub. Richmond (Va.) Times Dispatch 1934-36; v.p. and gen. mgr. Courier Journal and Louisville Times, 1936-42, publisher since 1942. Served as yeoman, later ensign, U.S. Navy, 1917-19, World War. Mem. Sigma Alpha Epsilon, Sigma Delta Chi. Democrat. Baptist. Clubs: Rotary, Louisville Country, Pendennis, River Valley. Home: Prospect, Kentucky.

FALKNER, William (surname originally Faulkner), author; b. New Albany, Miss., Sept. 25, 1897; s. Murry Charles and Maud (Butler) F.; prep. edn., high sch., Oxford, Miss.; student U. of Miss., 1919-21; m. Estelle Oldham Franklin, June 20, 1929. Postmaster of University, Miss., 1922-24. Served with British Royal Air Force, 1918. Mem. Sigma Alpha Epsilon. Author: The Marble Faun, 1924; Soldiers' Pay, 1926; Mosquitoes, 1927; Sartoris, 1929; The Sound and the Fury, 1929; As I Lay Dying, 1930; Sancturary, 1931; These Thirteen, 1931; Idyll in the Desert, 1931; Light in August, 1932; Green Bough (poems), 1933; Pylon, 1935; Absolom Absolom!, 1936; Unvanquished, 1938; Wild Palms, 1939; The Hamlet, 1940; Go Down Moses and Other Stories, 1942. Home: Oxford, Miss.

GREEN, Paul Eliot, author, teacher; b. Lillington, N.C., Mar. 17, 1894; s. William Archibald and Betty Lorine (Byrd) G.; grad. Buies Creek (N.C.) Acad., 1914; A. B. Univ. of N.C., 1921, grad. study, 1921-22; grad. study Cornell U., 1922-23; Guggenheim fellow, 1928-29; m. Elizabeth Atkinson Lay, July 6, 1922; children -- Paul Eliot, Nancy Byrd, Betsy McAllister, Janet McNeill. Prof. dramatic art, Univ. of N. C. Editor of The Reviewer, 1925, Author: The Lord's Will and Other Plays, 1925; Lonesome Road (6 Plays for Negro Theatre), 1926; In Abraham's Bosom and The Field God, 1927; In the Valley and Other Carolina Plays, 1928; Wide Fields (short stories), 1928; Tread the Green Grass (a folk fantasy), 1929; The House of Connelly and Other Plays, 1931; The Laughing Pioneer (novel), 1932; Roll Sweet Chariot (play), 1934; Shroud My Body Down (play), 1935; This Body and Earth (novel), 1935; Hymn to the Rising Sun, 1935; Johnny Johnson (play), 1936; The Lost Colony (play), 1937; Out of The South (15 selected plays, revised), 1939; The Enchanted Maze (play), 1939; Co-Author: Native Son (play), 1941; The Hawthorn Tree (essays and letters), 1943; Author or co-author many motion picture scripts. In Abraham's Bosom awarded Pulitzer prize for best Am. play, 1927. Home: Chapel Hill, N. C.

HUTCHINS, Francis Stephenson, coll. pres.; b. Northfield, Mass., Aug 19, 1902; s. William James (LL.D) and Anna Laura (Murch) H.; student Oberlin Acad., 1915-16; A.B. Oberlin Coll., 1923; A.M. Yale, 1933; LL.D, Lake Forest Coll., 1935; LL.D. Univ. of Kentucky, 1944; m. Louise Gilman, Feb. 22, 1934; children -- Anne Grosvenor, Francis Gilman, William Maynard. Instr. Oberlin-Shansi Memorial Schs. (Taikuhsien, China), 1922-24, Yale-in-China Assn. (Changsha, China), 1925-27, Shantung Christian U. (Tsinan, China), 1927-28; rep. Am. Trustees of Yale-in-China Assn., 1928-39; pres. Berea Coll. since 1939 (succeeding father). Exec. sec. Changsha(China) Internat. Relief Com., 1938-39; trustee Yale-in China Assn. Congregationalist. Address: Berea College, Berea, Ky.

WORKSHEET FOR NOMINATING COMMITTEE

PROPOSALS FOR MEMBERS OF THE CORPORATION - SRC (7 vacancies)

Georgia: Dr. Philip Weltner
Former Chancellor Oglethorpe University

Mr. Philip Hammer
Harmer and Company
Glenn Building
Atlanta

Florida: Mr. Hollis Rinehart
Miami
Lawyer, member of Florida's Board of Control

Alabama: Edward Norton
Birmingham
Prominent businessman

Mississippi: Hodding Carter
Editor and Publisher
Delta-Times
Greenville

Tennessee: Bishop Roy Short
Methodist Church
Holston Conference (Parts of Tenn. Ky. NC. and Va.)

OR

Bishop W. T. Watkins
(Methodist Church)
(Conference includes Ky. and parts of West Tenn. including Memphis)

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Dr. B. E. Mays
Morehouse College
Atlanta

Mr. Philip Hammer
Glenn Memorial Building
Atlanta

Reverend Hugh Brimm
Southern Baptist
Theological Seminary
Louisville, Kentucky

Dr. [illegible]

Miss [illegible]

NOMINATIONS FOR MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (3 members)

By-laws of SRC:

> ". . . executive committee to be composed of not more than nine (9) members in addition to the president, vice-presidents, treasurer, and counsel; the executive director . . . shall also be ex-officio members . . . ."

PRESENT MEMBERS	PROPOSED MEMBERS
Mr. Rufus E. Clement - Chairman	[Reverend McDowell Richards] (Presbyterian) OR
Mrs. C. M. Birnie	[Reverend E. A. McDowell] (Baptist)
Very Reverend Maurice V. Sheen	Miss Josephine Wilkins
Mr. John Griffin	~~Mrs. Philip G. Clement~~
Mr. H. V. Richardson	~~[President Emeritus]~~
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Reverend A. S. Turnipseed	

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GEORGE S. MITCHELL,
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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M E M O R A N D U M

TO: PROGRAM PLANNING COMMITTEE OF SRC
and
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF SRC

FROM: GEORGE S. MITCHELL

This is a note which has been sent out to persons expected to attend the meeting at Atlanta University, August 10th and 11th. If you can arrange to be at any of the sessions, we would like to have you.

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GEORGE S. MITCHELL,
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

August 1, 1955

A Council to attain, through research and action, the ideals and practices of equal opportunity for all peoples in the South.

The Southern Regional Council is nearing the completion of 18 months of operation under the grant from the Fund for the Republic. In order to refresh your memory, the enclosed folder describes in general terms what the Southern Regional Council attempts to do. The Supreme Court decision of May 17, 1954, necessitated a new conception of our objectives; they have become more concrete in that there is now a focus of attention on the major problem of implementing the desegregation decree.

For the most part, the last year and a half has been devoted to the organization of state councils. Now, it seems desirable not only to review what we have done, but to plan for the wisest use of the grant funds during the next year. It is for this reason that we are inviting a few people who have knowledge and experience in this area to share their thinking and ours in attempting to determine how we might move more decisively toward the integration of the schools. Particularly, we would want your ideas on the expansion of professional services from the central office to the several state organizations and the region as a whole.

The meeting is scheduled at Atlanta University*,beginning with dinner at 6:30, Wednesday evening, August 10 through Thursday afternoon, August 11. Arrangements have been made for the accomodation of out-of-town conferees at the Atlanta University dormitories. We have also made provision to pay the transportation cost for all those who accept the invitation to attend. The session will be informal with no set speeches and with a highly flexible agenda.

We hope you will find it convenient to attend; unless we hear from you to the contrary, a reservation will be made in your name at the Atlanta University dormitory.

Cordially yours,

George S. Mitchell

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

*Lounge, A. U.
dormitories

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Encl. postal card to be returned to SRC.
promotion leaflet, SRC

REPORT OF THE ASSISTANT FOR PROGRAM, SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL
June 1954 - June 1955

Basis for Program Development

The principle which has been regarded as fundamental by the Assistant for Program is that the purpose of the SRC requires a demonstration in its program, organizational structure, and administrative procedures of the objectives which the SRC is committed to help achieve throughout the region. Specifically, the purpose of the SRC requires continuous efforts to interpret the organization's goal as the progressive elimination of segregation, and to extend communication across racial lines as a means to this end. "Program" necessarily includes consideration of advisable and possible means to further this purpose, through efforts of the regional office and of affiliated state organizations. In these terms, efforts to secure community understanding and support of the school decision have been regarded as deserving high priority because of its significance and its impact on the region.

Program development has been regarded in the light of the accepted principles of social change; namely, that efforts should be directed toward changing behavior since development of new attitudes usually follows rather than preceeds changes in behavior. In practical terms, this means that SRC programs must be concerned with modifying the framework of institutions and groups rather than with diffused attempts to provide "interracial education" for people in the mass. Efforts to modify all institutions and groups which maintain and reinforce the segregated basis of society are therefore within the province of the SRC's program as defined by its purpose. "Program" according to this concept may conflict with and be jeopardized by simultaneous efforts to develop "self-sustaining organizations." It is likely that efforts to secure support will be limited by program designed to modify the institutions and groups from which support must be sought. Of more importance to the objectives of the SRC is the likelihood that program efforts will be limited by efforts to complete organizational structure and to secure organizational support.

Responsibilities of the Assistant for Program

Responsibilities of the Assistant for Program have been interpreted as including:

(1) Efforts to develop channels for increased participation by SRC board members in the program development of the SRC Central Office and state organizations.

(2) Development of recommendations for Central Office staff structure for the expanded operation of the SRC made possible by the grant from the Fund for the Republic.

(3) Efforts to coordinate program proposals with financial resources of the organization.

(4) Efforts to initiate and distribute program proposals and materials to state organizations, designed to encourage a development of program related to the established purpose of the SRC.

(5) Consultative services to selected state organizations and related agencies with regard to objectives, structure, program development and personnel.

The outline which follows summarizes the year's work of the Assistant for Program under each of the five categories listed above:

(1) Development of channels for board participation.

(a) Suggestions resulting in the establishment of a Nominating Committee as a part of the continuous structure of the SRC.

(b) Suggestions resulting in the establishment of a Program Committee.

(2) Development of Central Office staff structure.

(a) The revised structure of staff in the Central Office was designed to:

Clarify the division of responsibility of professional staff and

Increase the possibility of racial integration in staff relationships to state organizations.

The revised staff structure provided four Assistant Directors as follows:

Assistant for Program (position formerly designated as Associate Director)
Assistant for Information
Two Assistants for State Organizations (one Negro, one white)

(3) Coordination of program proposals with financial resources (see Program Memoranda for Consideration by Program Committee, Executive Committee and Executive Director [May 1, 1955]). The Program Planning Committee has been regarded as the appropriate channel for the consideration of matters involving the relationship of finances to program.

(4) Development and distribution of program proposals and materials. The materials included in the attached exhibit have been prepared and/or made available to voluntary and professional personnel of the SRC state and regional groups.

(5) Consultative services to state organizations. Because there has been only part-time service by the Negro Assistant for State Organizations, the Assistant for Program has, upon request, been available during the

year for advisory services to the following state organizations:

North Carolina -- one meeting of Executive Committee.

Kentucky -- two meetings: orientation of consultants, and consultants and Executive Committee meeting.

Tennessee -- one meeting of Executive Committee, and advisory services through correspondence.

Louisiana -- one meeting of Program Planning Committee.

The Assistant for Program has participated in staff planning of meetings of church women and of state staff, and of New South content.

The related agencies have included: National Social Welfare Assembly, the Georgia League of Women Voters, the National Student Council of YWCA, the NAACP, the Urban League, and staff members related to other organizations who participated in the Conference on Segregation at Fisk University and the Civil Liberties Clearing House Conference in Washington.

In Summary

The effectiveness of the SRC will largely depend upon:

(1) An increase in responsible participation at all levels of the organization by a racially integrated leadership, both voluntary and professional. This responsible participation should be reflected in both policy-making and in administration.

(2) An increased understanding by the leadership of the organization, both voluntary and professional, of the implications of the SRC's goal and of practical means to further its achievement through use of resources available to the organization.

Consideration of these requirements is the continuing responsibility of the organization's Board, committees and staff. Specific questions for considerations by these groups are the following:

(1) How can a racially integrated regional staff with shared responsibility in policy-making, program development and administration be provided? How can racially integrated state staffs be assured? Such staff is "needed in the task of extending communication across racial lines." This is necessary and relevant if the SRC is to make effective contribution to the adjustments involved in the progressive elimination of segregation.

(2) How can understanding be furthered among the SRC state organizations' personnel, both voluntary and professional, of their most effective roles in the present period? (See Proposals III, IV and V in "Proposals for the Development of Program of State Organizations.")

(3) How can the selection and development of program projects by the Central Office be more closely related to the abilities and resources of the organization?

(4) How can we assist state organizations to carry on effective program activities and meet the requirement for achieving "self-sustaining, independent status" during the period of assistance? How can a desirable balance between these two competing objectives be achieved?

(5) How can the Central Office increase its effectiveness by implementing in its program the principle that institutions and groups maintaining segregation must be changed if an integrated society is to be achieved?

(6) To what extend would the financial resources of the SRC be influenced by these considerations? What implications have the considerations for employed personnel?

If exploration of these and related questions are undertaken, I shall be glad to make available any information and suggestions of mine as may be helpful.

Respectfully submitted,

(Mrs.) Grace T. Hamilton
Assistant for Program

5/26/55
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March 11, 1955

TO: KS

Could you or Ruth Alexander undertake the keeping of a file on this hundred dollar business so that later in the year it will be easy to know who has promised, who has given, and who is delinquent?

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Courtesy not 100.

March 24, 1955

Mr. Rufus E. Clement
President
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Rufus:

You will remember that at the Executive Committee meeting February 17th it was said that each member of the Executive Committee should raise $100, and that the Board members should be urged similarly. See page seven of the enclosed Minutes. I wrote out to the members of the Executive Committee and reminded them of their kind undertaking. I drafted a letter from me to the members of the Board telling the Board of this and asking them to prepare to send in $100 each. Various people on the staff quite rightly said that such a letter to the Board members would come with best grace from you as Chairman of the Executive Committee. Surely that is right.

I pass on to you as raw material for a letter from you to the Board members a slightly altered version of what I had originally drafted for me to send out to the Board members. But I think this draft lacks bite, and we would all be better off with a simple note that you wrote yourself ab initio.

It seems to me no proper part of AU's job to type up all those letters. If you will prepare a sample letter and send the sample to me, and send separately (to save postage) enough stationary to enable us to send the letters out to 77 * Board members, we will type the letters and bring them back to you for signature, and get them out.

I grant you that Marion Wright is an alternate preparer and signer of the letters, but it seems to me that you are the logical one.

For your information, but with no suggestion that your office do all the work, I send a list of the Board members.

Presumably a letter should not go to those Board members who are ex-officio as heads of or are elected by State organizations
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Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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TENTATIVE LETTER TO MEMBERS OF THE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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Sincerely,

Rufus E. Clement
Chairman
Executive Committee

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ATLANTA UNIVERSITY
ATLANTA, GEORGIA

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

March 30, 1955

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Dr. George S. Mitchell
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
Room 432, 63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear George:

Absence from the city and the press of other business have prevented my answering your letter of March 24 until today.

I approve of the tentative letter you drafted. I am sending you about six dozen sheets of my stationery. If your office will have them typed and will send them back for my signature, I will be happy to sign them.

I have the stationery

Sincerely yours,

Rufus

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MEMBER UNITED NEGRO COLLEGE FUND

An Original Of
The Attached Ltr. to:

Atwood, Dr. R. B.
Kentucky State College
Frankfort, Ky.

Barbare, Dr. Ralph
Winthrop Training School
Rock Hill, South Carolina

Bates, Mrs. W. F.
125 Atkins Street
North Little Rock, Arkansas

Bond, Ulysses S.
Madison, Arkansas

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Afro-American Life Ins. Co.
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Jacksonville, Fla.

Carter, Hodding
Delta Democrat-Times
Greenville, Miss

Clement, A. J.
Station A
Box 36
Charleston, S. C.

Crossman, Jerome
Ryan Consolidated Petroleum Corp.
3400 Republic National Bank Building
Dallas 1, Texas

Davidson, Herbert M.
Daytona Beach News Journal
Daytona Beach, Florida

Duncan, O. D.
Oklahoma A & M College
Stillwater, Oklahoma

Friedman, S. Thomas
Southwestern Jewish Community Relations
Council
1110 Bissonet,
Houston, Texas

Gomillion, Dr. C. G.
Tuskegee Institute, Alabama

Johnson, Dr. Charles S.
Fisk University
Nashville, Tenn

Johnson, Dr. Guy B. Not able to
University of North Carolina
Chapel Hill, N. C. contribute

Lanier, Dr. R. O'Hara
Texas Southern University
Houston, Texas

Looby, Dr. Z. A.
419 Fourth Avenue, North
Nashville, Tennessee

Mays, Dr. B. E.
Morehouse College - Sent by Secretary
Atlanta, Georgia (7/26/55)

McCann, John
231 Baronne Street
New Orleans, La.

McDowell, Dr. E. A.
Southern Baptist Theological Seminary
Wake Forrest, North Carolina
Since trying to raise (7/23/55)

Milner, Dr. Clyde
Guilford College
North Carolina

Milton, L. D.
Citizens Trust Co.
Atlanta, Georgia

Moron, Dr. A. G.
Hampton Institute
Hampton Institute, Va.

Penick, Rt. Rev. E. A.
802 Hillsboro Street
Raleigh, North Carolina

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3207 Groveland Lane,
Houston, Texas

Reddix, Dr. J. L.
Jackson College
Jackson, Mississippi

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Decatur, Georgia

Rinehart, Hollis
Rinehart & Gibbs
Counselors at Law
Ingraham Building
Miami 32, Florida
Since trying to raise $100 (7/22/55)

Robinson, Mrs. E. U.
675 N. Waters St.
Gallatin, Tennessee

Shaw, Charles A.
Watchtower Life Insurance Co.
2206 Dowling St.
Houston, Texas

Smith, J. Edwin
505 Scanlan Building
Houston, Texas

Stroud, Mrs. Tommie
3225 Maple Avenue
Waco, Texas

Sytz, Miss Florence
Tulane School of Social Work
New Orleans, Louisiana

Thomas, Judge L E
1035 N. W. Second Ave.
Miami, Florida
will send (7/29/55)

Tillman, Mrs. J. Fount
Lewisburg
Tennessee

Turnipseed Rev. A. S.
251 Island Court
Mobile, Alabama

Weiss, Morton
182 Marietta Street
Atlanta, Georgia

Williams, Paul D.
3320 Gloucester Road
Richmond, Virginia

Young, Thomas W.
Journal and Guide
Norfolk, Virginia

April 4, 1955

Dr. R. B. Atwood
Kentucky State College
Frankfort, Kentucky

Dear Dr. Atwood:

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Sincerely,

Rufus E. Clement
Chairman
Executive Committee

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Board memo

FILE COPY

April 6, 1955

Dear:

For your information, this letter has been sent to all of the regular Board members who are not either members of the Executive Committee, or officers of the Council, or chairmen of state organizations, or ex-officio members of SRC's Board, elected by the state organizations.

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

An original of this letter to:

Morris Abram
Cassandra Maxwell Birnie
Paul Christopher
John A. Griffin
J. McDowell Richards
Harry V. Richardson
Maurice V. Shean
Josephine Wilkins
Marion A. Wright
Albert W. Dent
Gordon B. Hancock
Carter Wesley
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April 6, 1955

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Atlanta

send to

Dr. Rufus E. Clement, Chr. Executive Committee
Southern Regional Council
Atlanta, Georgia

APR 13 1955

Dear Dr. Clement:

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your letter of April 4th, relative to the Council's Fund Drive.

I will contact you relative to this in the near future.

Very respectfully yours,

I. H. Burney, II

I. H. Burney, II
SECRETARY

IHB/a

Our President's Slogan

Up or Over

Elected
/Ex-Officio Board members

April 7, 1955

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Dear:

The enclosed has gone out to the members of SRC's Board of Directors. It was not sent to members of SRC's Executive Committee, or to its officers, or to the chairmen of state organizations, or to ex-officio members of SRC's Board such as yourself elected by the state organizations, except as a matter of information.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

TO:

B. R. Brazeal
Nanie Belle Aycox
I. T. Sanders
C. G. Gomillion

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APR 15 1955

WINTHROP COLLEGE
THE SOUTH CAROLINA COLLEGE FOR WOMEN
ROCK HILL, SOUTH CAROLINA

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April 11, 1955

REC 4/13/55
SRCouncil

Dr. Rufus E Clement
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. Clement:

Thank you for your letter of April 4 telling me about the action of the Executive Committee of the Southern Regional Council. I have myself been puzzled as to where we are to raise the amount of money needed for matching funds.

Reeent medical bills of nearly a thousand dollars will mean that I must try to "get" some person or persons to help us out. I shall be on the alert for such opportunity. That too may be difficult in this area.

Thank you for writing.

Sincerely,

Ralph Barbare

Ralph Barbare

APR 15 1955

FISK UNIVERSITY

NASHVILLE 8, TENNESSEE

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

April 12, 1955

REC 4/14/55 (K)
S.R. Conrad

Dr. Rufus E. Clement
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. Clement:

This is in acknowledgement of your letter of April 4th concerning the Southern Regional Council and its need of funds.

I have been making it an annual chore to get $1500 to $2000 for the Council from a source that accepts my estimate of the value of the Council's work. I shall continue this. Meanwhile, it may be possible to get some additional funds through personal letters, and this I shall attempt. My personal contribution will continue but this, in the very logic of academic economics, cannot keep a dynamic organization running very long.

Sincerely yours,

Charles S. Johnson

CSJ:cms

April 19, 1955

Mr. Morton L. Weiss
Lakemoore Apartments
Apartment 323C,
Lakemoore Drive, N. E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Morton:

We appreciate your two communications, one the letter of April 15th, and the other that contributed the $100 in reply to Mr. Clement's letter.

I was aware that there would be some complications in your serving as Treasurer, but I had hoped that they would prove unfounded. But, in any case, the matter is for discussion and understanding.

We are mighty proud of our Board members who put up that $100 each.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl - Official Receipt of SRC

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APR 13 1955

Morton L. Weiss

Lakemoore Apartments

Apartment 323 C

Lakemoore Drive, N.E.

Atlanta, Georgia

Dr. Clement:

Enclosing check for $100 to the Council. I believe the Executive Com's idea was excellent.

C Clement 4/13/55

Sincerely,

/s/ Bud Weiss

April 27, 1955

Mr. Jerome K. Crossman
3431 Republic National Bank Building
Dallas, Texas

Dear Mr. Crossman:

I add the staff's cordial appreciation to Mr. Clement's for your prompt and generous gift of $100 to the Council.

Appreciatively,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

Encl. Official Receipt
GSM/eab

COPY

Mr. George Mitchell

Office of the President
ATLANTA UNIVERSITY
ATLANTA, GEORGIA

April 22, 1955

Mr. Jerome K. Crossman
Attorney at Law
3400 Republic National Bank Building
Dallas 1, Texas

APR 25 1955

Dear Mr. Crossman:

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your check of April 18 representing a contribution of $100 to the Southern Regional Council. ck rha

We are very grateful to you for your response to our appeal. You will be interested in knowing that we are getting good response from members of the Council.

With kind regards.

Sincerely yours,

Rufus E. Clement

REC:c

Sheam

The Catholic Committee of the South

P. O. BOX 895

ROCK HILL, SOUTH CAROLINA
JULY 12, 1955

JUL 14 1955

$100.00
10/3/55

DR. GEORGE S. MITCHELL
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC.
63 AUBURN AVENUE N. E.
ATLANTA, 3, GEORGIA

DEAR DR. MITCHELL:

IN FATHER MAURICE'S ABSENCE, I WOULD LIKE TO ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT OF YOUR MEMORANDUM OF JULY 6.

FATHER WILL RETURN NEXT WEEK, AT WHICH TIME I AM SURE HE WILL SIGN AND RETURN THE RESOLUTION WHICH YOU ENCLOSED.

SINCERELY YOURS,

Frances England

(MRS.) FRANCES ENGLAND
SECRETARY

July 16, 1955

Mr. Rufus E. Clement
President
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Rufus:

Amazingly, in the letters to you yesterday I overlooked the fact that you had yourself sent in your own hundred dollars.

How exceedingly kind that was of you.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

Memo . . . FROM THE DESK OF

. . . . . EAB . . . . . .

July 16, 1955

An original of the attached to:

Morris Abram
Cassandra Birnie
Paul Christopher
John A. Griffin
J. McDowell Richards
Harry V. Richardson
Maurice V. Shean
Josephine Wilkins
Marion A. Wright
Albert W. Dent
Gordon B. Hancock

July 16, 1955

Mr. Morris Abram
515 Healey Building
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Morris:

Small reminder, well ahead of the September 30th need-line, of the undertaking of the members of the Executive Committee of SRC to scare up $100 before then.

We merely want to be sure that as your plans are made for September you remember this matter.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

July 16, 1955

Dr. C. G. Gomillion
Tuskegee Institute
Tuskegee Institute, Alabama

Dear Dr. Gomillion:

You very kindly wrote us April 11th that you would do what you could to raise the $100 that the Executive Committee hoped that members of the Board could send in by September, 1955.

I send this small reminder of your kind intent in order that as your plans for the Fall mature you will not fail to remember that item.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

July 16, 1955

Dr. Charles S. Johnson
Fisk University
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Dr. Johnson:

You very kindly wrote us April 12th that you would do what you could to raise the $100 that the Executive Committee hoped that members of the Board could send in by September, 1955.

I send this small reminder of your kind intent in order that as your plans for the Fall mature you will not fail to remember that item.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

P. S. We are sensible indeed of the help you give us each year with other sources!

July 16, 1955

Dr. Benjamin E. Mays
President
Morehouse College
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Mays:

You very kindly wrote us April 8th that you would do what you could to raise the $100 that the Executive Committee hoped that members of the Board could send in by September, 1955.

I send this small reminder of your kind intent in order that as your plans for the Fall mature you will not fail to remember that item.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

July 16, 1955

Mr. Ralph Barbare
Winthrop Training School
Rock Hill, South Carolina

Dear Mr. Barbare:

You very kindly wrote us April 11th that you would do what you could to raise the $100 that the Executive Committee hoped that members of the Board could send in by September, 1955.

I send this small reminder of your kind intent in order that as your plans for the Fall mature you will not fail to remember that item.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

July 16, 1955

Mr. Charles A. Shaw
2206 Dowling Street
Houston, Texas

Dear Mr. Shaw:

You very kindly wrote us April 13th that you would do what you could to raise the $100 that the Executive Committee hoped that members of the Board could send in by September, 1955.

I send this small reminder of your kind intent in order that as your plans for the Fall mature you will not fail to remember that item.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

July 16, 1955

Mrs. Tommie Stroud
2524 Old Oaks Drive
Waco, Texas

Dear Mrs. Stroud:

You very kindly wrote us April 27th that you would do what you could to raise the $100 that the Executive Committee hoped that members of the Board could send in by September, 1955.

I send this small reminder of your kind intent in order that as your plans for the Fall mature you will not fail to remember that item.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

July 16, 1955

Mr. I. H. Burney
P. O. Box 660
Jacksonville, Florida

Dear Mr. Burney:

You very kindly wrote us April 6th that you would do what you could to raise the $100 that the Executive Committee hopes that members of the Board could send in by September, 1955.

I send this small reminder of your kind intent in order that as your plans for the Fall mature you will not fail to remember that item.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

Memo . . . FROM THE DESK OF

. . . . . EAB . . . . . .

7/20/55

An original of this ltr to:

Thomas W. Moung
Paul D. Williams
Rev. A. S. Turnipseed
Mrs. J. Fount Tillman
Judge L. E. Thomas
Miss Florence Sytz
J. Edwin Smith
Charles A. Shaw
Mrs. E. U. Robinson
Hollis Rinehart
[redacted]
J. L. Reddix
Mrs. J. N. Rayzor
E. A. Penick
A. G. Moron
L. D. Milton
Clyde Milner
E. A. McDowell
John McCann
Z. A. Looby
R. O'Hara Lanier
Guy B. Johnson
S. Thomas Friedman

O. D. Duncan
~~Hexkerk~~
A. J. Clement*
Hodding Carter
Ulysses S. Bond
Mrs. W. F. Bates
R. B. Atwood

*now residing in New Jersey, but had received original ltr of request for $100.

July 20, 1955

Mr. R. B. Atwood
Kentucky State College
Frankfort, Kentucky

Dear Mr. Atwood:

I send a follow-up on Mr. Rufus Clement's letter, as Chairman of the Executive Committee of SRC, which was sent out last March. It will be remembered that Mr. Clement notified the members of the Board of Directors of the Southern Regional Council that the Executive Committee members had agreed to put up $100 apiece by September 30, 1955, and that the Executive Committee was asking the other members of the Board to join it in making such a contribution.

The idea was that each member of the Board should give or get for the Council $100. We hope that in your case that will prove practicable.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Dictated by Dr. Mitchell/signed in his absence.

cc: Mr. Clement

July 20, 1955

Mr. Rufus E. Clement
President
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Rufus:

I have sent a first follow-up to those Board members who have not as yet contributed the $100 that you wrote about last March. Here is a sample such letter.

Thus far seven members of the Board have promised to contribute or raise the money by September 30th, and two have sent it.

Two members of the Executive Committee have paid in their hundred, and another has paid $50.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Dictated by Dr. Mitchell/signed in his absence.

Encl.

( ) date of incoming ltr
+ follow up 7/16/55
x follow-up 7/20/55

$100 Contributions - Board
and Executive Committee

x 1. R. B. Atwood

+ 2. Ralph Barbare - Will try to raise the money (4/11/55)

x 3. Mrs. W. F. Bates - $25.00 (8/15/55) - promised $25. ~~more in october~~ 50.00 10/7/55

x 4. Ulysses S. Bond -

+ 5. I. H. Burney - will contact later on (4/6/55)

x 6. Hodding Carter -

x 7. A. J. Clement -

x 8. Rt. Rev. Charles Clingman -(initial ltr sent 7/20/55)

● 9. Jerome Crossman - $100 pd 4/22/55

● 10. Herbert M. Davidson - $150 pd. 7/16/55

x 11. O. D. Duncan - is raising amount ($15.00 from Mrs. D. McAlpin 7/22/55)
5.00 By early, 9/19/55

x 12. S. Thomas Friedman -

+ 13. C. G. Gomillion - ~~will contribute during August (7/20/55)~~ pd. $100 7/19/55

+ 14. Charles S. Johnson - will continue to raise money for the Council (4/12/55

x 15. Guy B. Johnson - Unable to give, but will try to raise (7/22/55)

x 16. R. O'Hara Lanier -

17. Philip Hammer - initial ltr sent 7/20/55

x 18. Z. A. Looby -

+ 19. B. E. Mays - ~~will sent check for $100 first of September (7/26/55)~~ pd $100 8/25/55

x 20. John McCann -

x 21. E. A. McDowell - will try to raise (7/23/55)

x 22. Clyde Milner -

x 23. L. D. Milton -

x 24. A. G. Moron -

x 25. E. A. Penick - out of city returning 8/1 (7/22/55)

x 26. Hollis Rinehart - will try to raise (7/22/55)

x 27. Mrs. E. U. Robinson - $10.00 (9/23/55)

x 54. Mrs. J. N. Rayzor -

$100 contributions - 2 x 55. J. L. Reddy

+ 28. Charles A. Shaw - will attempt to raise or contribute (4/13/55)

x 29. J. Edwin Smith -

+ 30. Mrs. Tommie Stroud - will send by 9/30 ~~(4/27/55)~~ pd. 9/6/55

x 31. Miss Florence Sytz -

x 32. Judge L. E. Thomas - will send (7/29/55)

x 33. Mrs. J. Fount Tillman -

x 34. Rev. A. S. Turnipseed -

x 35. Paul D. Williams -

36. Morton Weiss - $100 pd 4/13/55

x 37. Thomas W. Young -

38. John H. Wheeler - initial ltr sent 7/20/55

Executive Committee Contributions
Pledged February 17, 1955

+ 39. Morris Abram - $100 - 9/21/55

+ 40. Cassandra M. Birnie -

+ 41. Paul Christopher - will raise during August (8/1/55) $4.00 9/23/55

42. Rufus E. Clement - $100 pd 7/12/55

+ 43. John A. Griffin -

+ 44. J. McDowell Richards -

+ 45. Harry V. Richardson -

+ 46. Maurice V. Shean - out of city (7/12/55)

+ 47. Josephine Wilkins -

+ 48. Marion Wright -

+ 49. Albert Dent -

+ 50. Gordon B. Hancock -

51. Carter Wesley - $100 pd 3/7/55

52. Leonard Haas ($150 total from Elliott, Herman & Edwin Haas) - 3/17/55
($50 from Aaronstein Foundation - 3/24/55) ($100 8/15/55 from Maurice Hirsch.)

53. George Mitchell - $50 pd 6/55 $50.00 pd. 8/8/55 = $100.

July 22, 1955

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert M. Davidson
Daytona Beach News Journal
Daytona Beach, Florida

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Davidson:

Here is an official receipt for receiving the kind $ 150.

I have considered that 100 of it neatly covers the matter of Herbert's finding 100 for SRC. So, be relieved; we will not ask him any more !

Appreciatively,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/vc

Enc.

Memo . . . FROM THE DESK OF

. . . . FRED B. ROUTH . . . .

16 July 55

Ruth,

This check for $150 is a contribution from the Davidson's — (Mr. & Mrs. Herbert M. Davidson) to S.R.C.

CR
rha

7/16/55
rha

Please deposit it —

Fred

Diocese of North Carolina
OFFICE OF THE BISHOP
RALEIGH, N. C.

RT. REV. EDWIN A PENICK, D. D.
802 HILLSBORO STREET

July 22, 1955

Mr. George S. Mitchell
Southern Regional Council
63 Auburn Avenue, N.E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Mr. Mitchell:

Thank you for your letter of July 20th.

Bishop Penick is now at Myrtle Beach recuperating from a serious operation. When he returns to his office about August 1st, your letter will be brought to his attention.

Sincerely yours,

Emily C. Browne

Secretary to Bishop Penick

August 4, 1955

Dictated August 1

Dr. Guy B. Johnson
The University of North Carolina
Chapel Hill, North Carolina

Dear Guy:

Goodness knows I don't expect you to dig into Guy Johnson's private pocketbook and find $100 for SRC! You have served your time in doing that! Help out the North Carolina group and we will all be grateful.

I had pro forma to send the letter out and it went to you. But worry not: help when and where you can ~~as~~ you can.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

Dictated by Dr. Mitchell/signed in his absence.

COPY

Office of the President
ATLANTA UNIVERSITY
ATLANTA, GEORGIA

JUL 27 1955

July 26, 1955

Dr. Guy B. Johnson
Department of Sociology and Anthropology
The University of North Carolina
Chapel Hill, North Carolina

Dear Doctor Johnson:

Thank you for your kind letter of July 22. I can certainly appreciate your situation. I am glad to know that you are working with and contributing to the North Carolina Council on Human Relations.

You have been a long-time supporter of the Southern Regional Council and, that, we greatly value. If you can not make a cash contribution at this time, I am sure that none of your friends will, in any way, feel that you have lost interest in the work.

Under the grant from the Fund of the Republic, the Council must each year raise a considerable sum in order to claim the money from the Fund for that year. The money thus claimed may then be apportioned to the State Councils.

With warm regards,

Sincerely yours,

Rufus E. Clement

REC:t

cc: Mr. George Mitchell

July 22, 1955

JUL 25 1955

Dr. Rufus E. Clement
President, Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. Clement:

A letter from George Mitchell reminds me that quite a long time ago I had a letter from you concerning the request which was being made of SRC Executive Committee members and of Board members to contribute $100 apiece to the Council. I must apologize very humbly for not replying sooner.

I put the letter aside for two reasons. First, I was genuinely puzzled over the situation, it having been my understanding that the main financial problem now centered in the efforts of the state councils to raise money in order to receive grants from Atlanta. Second, I had borrowed money to cover income taxes, street paving assessments, and other things, and I was in a very depressed financial mood. In the meantime the matter just got pushed out of my mind, and I am very sorry.

I am still bothered on both points. I have made a modest contribution to the North Carolina Council on Human Relations, and I earnestly hope that I can give it $25 more before the year is out, but this, I am quite sure, is the very best I can hope to do.

With highest regards and best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Guy B. Johnson

Copy to George Mitchell

Guy B. Johnson

August 4, 1955

Dictated August 1

Mr. Hollis Rinehart
Ingraham Building
Miami 32, Florida

Dear Hollis:

Thanks a lot for writing July 22nd about the hundred dollars. We don't expect that absolutely everybody can get it put together, but we will need the sum that such gifts would raise, and will need it before the end of the fiscal year.

I was at the University of Virginia last week, and was delighted to see the plaque in the Alderman Library which showed that you were chairman of the Committee of the Board of Visitors which saw it through. I explored the building with care, and was delighted with its every feature.

The long downstairs room, now air-conditioned, was stuffed full of students diligently reading away.

Had pleasant conversation with Mr. Dalton, the librarian.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

Dictated by Dr. Mitchell/signed in his absence
GSM/eab

RINEHART & GIBBS
COUNSELLORS AT LAW
INGRAHAM BUILDING
MIAMI 32, FLORIDA

HOLLIS RINEHART
WILLIAM W. GIBBS

CABLE ADDRESS
RINCAR

July 22, 1955

George S. Mitchell, Esquire
Executive Director
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
63 Auburn Ave., N.E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

JUL 25 1955

Dear Mr. Mitchell:

I have your recent letter with reference to the possibility of my either contributing or arranging for subscriptions in the sum of $100.

Frankly, the first is out of the question and the second, I will make every effort to doing.

We are in a bad situation here with our own Dade County Council and I feel that any efforts that I can give must first be directed towards our local situation. I am sorry if this is not consistent with my membership on the Regional Council Board.

Sincerely yours,

Hollis Rinehart

HR/lvm

August 4, 1955

Dictated August 1

Mr. Edward A. McDowell
Southeastern Baptist Theological
Seminary
Wake Forrest, North Carolina

Dear Mr. McDowell:

I had pro forma the duty of writing all the Board members about the matter of the $100. Of course we well understand that quite a number of the Board members simply won't be in position to get the sum together. But we will still hope that some opportunity may come along, because it is pressingly necessary for us to get in an extra two or three thousand before the end of the fiscal year.

Appreciatively,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Dictated by Dr. Mitchell/signed in his absence.

Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary
AN AGENCY OF THE SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION
Wake Forest, North Carolina

EDWARD A. McDOWELL
PROFESSOR OF NEW
TESTAMENT INTERPRETATION

July 23, 1955.

JUL 25 1955

Dr. George S. Mitchell,
Executive Director, Southern Regional Council, Inc.,
Room 432, 63 Auburn Ave., N. E.,
Atlanta 3, Ga.

Dear Dr. Mitchell:

I certainly wish it were possible for me to give or get $100 as a contribution to the Southern Regional Council. My financial condition is such at the present time that I cannot give the sum and I am not now in contact with people of means who would be willing to give. I am interested and I wish so much I could be of more assistance to the Council in its wonderful work. I shall keep my eyes and ears open and if the opportunity should present itself for me to present the cause of the Council to some individual who might give $100 I shall do so.

With very best wishes,

Sincerely,

Edward A. McDowell

Edward A. McDowell

$915.00
125.00
$1,040.00

Memo . . . FROM THE DESK OF

. . . . . EAB . . . . . .

August 10, 1955

Dr. Mitchell:

$100 each received from: (Total 500)
Jerome Crossman
Morton Weiss
Rufus Clement
Carter Wesley
GSM

$150 received from: (Total 150)
Mr. & Mrs. Davidson

$250 received from: (Total 250)
Leonard Haas
(including monies he received from others)

Grand Total received = $900

O. D. Duncan raising amount reported $15.00, raising total to.....$915

8/16/55 { + 25.00 - Mrs. Bates
+ 100.00 - Mr & Mrs Morris Hirsch (Leonard Haas)

Memo . . . FROM THE DESK OF

. . . . . EAB . . . . . .

August 10, 1955

Dr. Mitchell:

Ltrs. to Negro Methodist Bishops re contributions to SRC were sent to:

13 AME Bishops
9 CME Bishops
5 Atlantic Coast Area Bishops
9 AME Zion Bishops
36 total

Seven have replied (six to ask their Conferences to contribute - one to contribute personally, did not want to ask Conference to take another item onto its budget)

One (Bishop John William Martin - Michigan) has contributed $100 - 7/12/55)

An original of the attached ltr to:
(dtd 6/20/55)

( ) = date of course.

A.M.E.
Bishop S. L. Greene
Bishop D. Ward Nichols
Bishop A. J. Allen
Bishop George W. Baber
Bishop D. Ormonde Walker
Bishop Frank M. Reid
Bishop H. Thomas Primm
Bishop I. H. Bonner
Bishop Joseph Gomez
Bishop Carery A. Gibbs
Bishop W. R. Wilkes
Bishop Eugene C. Hatcher - promised to check with conference (6/24/55)
Bishop R. R. Wright, Jr.

AME ZION

Bishop William Jacob Walls
Bishop John William Martin - contributed $100 7/12/55.
Bishop William Cornelius Brown - promised to check with conference (6/27)
Bishop Walter William Slade
Bishop Raymond Luther Jones
Bishop Hampton Thomas Medford
Bishop Herbert Bell Shaw - promised to check with conference (6/28/55)
Bishop Stephen Gill Spottswood
Bishop William Andrew Stewart

C.M.E.

Bishop J. Arthur Hamlett, Sr.
Bishop H. P. Porter - presently beyond budget - perhaps later (6/28/55
Bishop W. Y. Bell
Bishop Luther Stewart
Bishop F. L. Lewis
Bishop B. W. Doyle - 7/27/55
Bishop A. W. Womack
Bishop B. J. Smith
Bishop J. C. Allen

Methodist Church - Atlantic Coast Area

Bishop Edgar A. Love - promised to check with conference (7/27)
Bishop Matthew W. Clair, Jr.
Bishop Willis J. King - promised to make pers. contrib. = (6/28), but not conference budget
Bishop Alexander P. Shaw
Bishop J. W. E. Bowen

(For addresses see "Lists - General" file folder)

cc of ltr to KS and copy of this list

EAB/

August 15, 1955

Mr. Morris Hirsch
President of Hirsch Brothers
79 Peachtree Street, N. E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Hirsch:

Never had any Body a firmer or more constant and helpful friend than you. We are deeply grateful for your most generous contribution to us, acknowledged herewith.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

Encl. SRC official receipt $100

cc: Mr. Leonard Haas

Haas

HAAS, WHITE & DOUGLAS
ATTORNEYS AT LAW
SUITE 601 HAAS-HOWELL BUILDING
ATLANTA, GEORGIA

LEONARD HAAS
EDWARD S. WHITE
HAMILTON DOUGLAS, JR.
GEORGE A. HAAS
LAIRD W. SHULL
RICHARD G. WILKINS

TELEPHONE
WALNUT 1151

August 13, 1955

1192

AUG 15 1955

Southern Regional Council,
Room 432,
63 Auburn Ave. N. E.,
Atlanta 3, Georgia.

Dear Sirs:

Enclosed please find check of Hirsch Brothers, Inc., in the amount of $100.00, as a contribution to the Council.

CR
Fha

Acknowledgment should be made to Mr. Morris Hirsch, President of Hirsch Brothers, Inc., 79 Peachtree Street, N. E., Atlanta, Georgia.

Very truly yours,

Leonard Haas

Leonard Haas.

LH:LPM

ENC.

August 29, 1955

pd 10.00

Mr. Benjamin E. Mays
Morehouse College
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Bennie Mays:

No kinder or wiser friend have we in the world than yourself.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

MOREHOUSE COLLEGE

ATLANTA, GEORGIA

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

August 25, 1955

AUG 26 1955

Mr. George Mitchell
Southern Regional Council
Wesley Memorial Building
Auburn Avenue and Ivy Street, NE
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Mitchell:

As promised, I am enclosing a check for $100 to help support the fine work that is being done by the Southern Regional Council.

With kindest regards and best wishes, I am

Yours truly,

Benjamin E. Mays

Benjamin E. Mays
President

BEM:J
Encl.

MOREHOUSE COLLEGE

ATLANTA, GEORGIA

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

July 26, 1955

JUL 29 1955

Mr. George S. Mitchell
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Mitchell:

As you perhaps know, I have been in the midst of the United Negro College Fund campaign here in Atlanta since April with intensive work for thirty-five days since June 9. Around the first of September I shall be happy to send you my personal check for $100.

I am still hoping that it will be possible for Mrs. Mitchell to record again for us the Morehouse students' appraisal of the Morehouse faculty. I shall contact her about this very soon.

With kindest regards and best wishes, I am

Yours truly,

Benjamin E. Mays
President

BEM:J

MOREHOUSE COLLEGE

ATLANTA, GEORGIA

April 8, 1955

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

REC 4/11/55
SRCouncil

President Rufus E. Clement
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

APR 13 1955

Dear President Clement:

I am giving a thousand dollars to Morehouse College this year in addition to several hundred dollars which I usually give to good causes. As usual I will do what I can for the Southern Regional Council by September.

With kindest regards and best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Benjamin E. Mays
President

BEM:G

Bd.

Bd. 100.00

September 2, 1955

Mr. C. G. Gomillion
Tuskegee Institute
Tuskegee Institute, Alabama

Dear Mr. Gomillion:

We are deeply grateful for that hundred dollars that came today. A hundred dollars is no small sum to get togehher (it comes mighty hard in my budget, too!), and we are the more grateful for your faithfulness in sending it in. I hope to see you tomorrow, when the Alumni meet.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl. - SRC official receipt

Tuskegee Institute

TUSKEGEE INSTITUTE
ALABAMA

OFFICE OF THE
DEAN OF STUDENTS

September 1, 1955

SEP 2 1955

Dr. George S. Mitchell
Southern Regional Council
63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta, 3, Georgia

Dear Dr. Mitchell:

I am herewith inclosing a check for $100., which I promised you early in the year. This represents my contribution to the Council for this year.

Very truly yours,

C. G. Gomillion

C. G. Gomillion
Dean of Students

cgg:m

Tuskegee Institute

TUSKEGEE INSTITUTE
ALABAMA

OFFICE OF THE
DEAN OF STUDENTS

July 19, 1955

JUL 20 1955

Dr. George S. Mitchell
Executive Director
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta, 3, Georgia

Dear Dr. Mitchell:

I have your reminder of July 18 concerning the $100 promised to the Council by September, 1955. Unless my plans miscarry, a check will be sent for $100 during the month of August.

Very truly yours,

C. G. Gomillion

C. G. Gomillion

Tuskegee Institute

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THE DEAN

April 11, 1955

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S.R. Council

Dr. Rufus E. Clement, Chairman
Executive Committee
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. Clement:

I have your letter of April 4 informing me of the resolution passed by the Executive Committee of the Southern Regional Council requesting members to raise or give $100.00 to the Council before September 30 in order that it might qualify for the grant given by the Fund for the Republic. You may count on my $100.00, which sum will be made available sometime during the summer.

Sincerely yours,

C. G. Gomillion

C. G. Gomillion
Dean of Students

CGG:p
cc: Dr. George S. Mitchell

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April 11, 1955

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Dr. George S. Mitchell
Executive Director
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Dr. Mitchell:

Thank you for your note of April 7. Attached hereto is a copy of my reply to a letter which I received from Dr. Clement.

Best wishes for continued success in your efforts.

Sincerely yours,

C. G. Gomillion

C. G. Gomillion
Dean of Students

CGG:p

Rec'd
5/10.00

September 6, 1955

Mrs. Tommie B. Stroud
2524 Old Oaks Drive
Waco, Texas

Dear Mrs. Stroud:

I am sure that hundred wasn't easy to find; also I am sure that it fitted like a keystone into our budget for this last month of the fiscal year. I think we will get through by the skin of your teeth!

Appreciatively,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl. Official Receipt $100

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SRC

Apr. 27 '55
2524 Old Oak Dr.
Waco, Tex.

Mr. Rufus E. Clement Chm.
Executive Committee

Dear Mr. Clement,

Your letter of Apr. 4th stating need for more funds for S.R.C. received.

I shall be glad to send my $100.00 for the "cause" by Sept. 30th as you request.

Please accept my thanks for the fine work you and the Executive Committee are doing for S.R.C.

Sincerely,
(Mrs.) Tommie B. Stroud

P.S. Please note my changed address.

September 19, 1955

Mr. Gordon B. Hancock
P. O. Box 6056
Richmond, Virginia

Dear Mr. Hancock:

Rufus Clement hoped that each member of the Executive Committee could find $100 for the Council before September 30, 1955, which is the end of the fiscal year. I don't press you but I do remind you.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

September 19, 1955

Miss Josephine Wilkins
c/o The Biltmore Hotel
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Josephine:

Rufus Clement hoped that each member of the Executive Committee could find $100 for the Council before September 30, 1955, which is the end of the fiscal year. I don't press you but I do remind you.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

September 19, 1955

The Very Reverend Maurice V. Shean, C. O.
The Oratory
Rock Hill, South Carolina

Dear Father Maurice:

Rufus Clement hoped that each member of the Executive Committee could find $100 for the Council before September 30, 1955, which is the end of the fiscal year. I don't press you but I do remind you.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

September 16, 1955

Mr. Albert W. Dent
Dillard University
New Orleans, Louisiana

Dear Mr. Dent:

Rufus Clement hoped that each member of the Executive Committee could find $100 for the Council before September 30, 1955, which is the end of the fiscal year. I don't press you but I do remind you.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

September 19, 1955

Mr. H. V. Richardson
Gammon Theological Seminary
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Richardson:

Rufus Clement hoped that each member of the Executive Committee could find $100 for the Council before September 30, 1955, which is the end of the fiscal year. I don't press you but I do remind you.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

September 19, 1955

Mrs. Cassandra M. Birnie
864 Hunter Street, S. W.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mrs. Birnie:

Rufus Clement hoped that each member of the Executive Committee could find $100 for the Council before September 30, 1955, which is the end of the fiscal year. I don't press you but I do remind you.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

September 19, 1955

Mr. Morris Abram
515 Healey Building
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Morris:

Rufus Clement hoped that each member of the Executive Committee could find $100 for the Council before September 30, 1955, which is the end of the fiscal year. I don't press you but I do remind you.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

September 19, 1955

Mr. John H. Wheeler
Mechanics and Farmers Bank
Durham, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Wheeler:

I don't press you unduly, but I do want to keep before your mind the hope of the Executive Committee of the Southern Regional Council that each Board member would get together $100 for the Council before the end of SRC's fiscal year, which is September 30, 1955.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

September 19, 1955

Mr. Thomas W. Young
Journal and Guide
Norfolk, Virginia

Dear Mr. Young:

I don't press you unduly, but I do want to keep before your mind the hope of the Executive Committee of the Southern Regional Council that each Board member would get together $100 for the Council before the end of SRC's fiscal year, which is September 30, 1955.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

September 19, 1955

Mr. Paul D. Williams
3320 Gloucester Road
Richmond, Virginia

Dear Paul:

I don't press you unduly, but I do want to keep before your mind the hope of the Executive Committee of the Southern Regional Council that each Board member would get together $100 for the Council before the end of SRC's fiscal year, which is September 30, 1955.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

September 19, 1955

Mr. A. S. Turnipseed
251 Island Court
Mobile, Alabama

Dear Mr. Turnipseed:

I don't press you unduly, but I do want to keep before your mind the hope of the Executive Committee of the Southern Regional Council that each Board member would get together $100 for the Council before the end of SRC's fiscal year, which is September 30, 1955.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

September 19, 1955

Mrs. J. Fount Tillman
Lewisburg,
Tennessee

Dear Mrs. Tillman:

I don't press you unduly, but I do want to keep before your mind the hope of the Executive Committee of the Southern Regional Council that each Board member would get together $100 for the Council before the end of SRC's fiscal year, which is September 30, 1955.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

September 19, 1955

Miss Florence Sytz
Tulane School of Social Work
New Orleans, Louisiana

Dear Miss Sytz:

I don't press you unduly, but I do want to keep before your mind the hope of the Executive Committee of the Southern Regional Council that each Board member would get together $100 for the Council before the end of SRC's fiscal year, which is September 30, 1955.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

September 19, 1955

Mr. J. Edwin Smith
505 Scanlan Building
Houston, Texas

Dear Mr. Smith:

I don't press you unduly, but I do want to keep before your mind the hope of the Executive Committee of the Southern Regional Council that each Board member would get together $100 for the Council before the end of SRC's fiscal year, which is September 30, 1955.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

September 19, 1955

Mrs. E. U. Robinson
Gallatin,
Tennessee

Dear Mrs. Robinson:

I don't press you unduly, but I do want to keep before your mind the hope of the Executive Committee of the Southern Regional Council that each Board member would get together $100 for the Council before the end of SRC's fiscal year, which is September 30, 1955.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

September 19, 1955

The Right Reverend E. A. Penick
802 Hillsboro Street
Raleigh, North Carolina

Dear Bishop Penick:

I don't press you unduly, but I do want to keep before your mind the hope of the Executive Committee of the Southern Regional Council that each Board member would get together $100 for the Council before the end of SRC's fiscal year, which is September 30, 1955.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

September 19, 1955

Mr. A. G. Moron
Hampton Institute
Hampton Institute, Virginia

Dear Mr. Moron:

I don't press you unduly, but I do want to keep before your mind the hope of the Executive Committee of the Southern Regional Council that each Board member would get together $100 for the Council Before the end of SRC's fiscal year, which is September 30, 1955.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

September 19, 1955

Mr. Clyde Milner
Guilford College
Guilford College, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Milner:

I don't press you unduly, but I do want to keep before your mind the hope of the Executive Committee of the Southern Regional Council that each Board member would get together $100 for the Council before the end of SRC's fiscal year, which is September 30, 1955.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

September 19, 1955

Mr. John McCann
231 Baronne Street
New Orleans, Louisiana

Dear Mr. McCann:

I don't press you unduly, but I do want to keep before your mind the hope of the Executive Committee of the Southern Regional Council that each Board member would get together $100 for the Council before the end of SRC's fiscal year, which is September 30, 1955.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

September 19, 1955

Mr. Z. A. Looby
419 Fourth Avenue, N.
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Looby:

I don't press you unduly, but I do want to keep before your mind the hope of the Executive Committee of the Southern Regional Council that each Board member would get together $100 for the Council before the end of SRC's fiscal year, which is September 30, 1955.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

September 19, 1955

Mr. Philip Hammer
70 Fairlie Street
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Phil:

I don't press you unduly, but I do want to keep before your mind the hope of the Executive Committee of the Southern Regional Council that each Board member would get together $100 for the Council before the end of SRC's fiscal year, which is September 30, 1955.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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September 19, 1955

PLEASE FORWARD

Mr. R. O'Hara Lanier
Texas Southern University
Houston, Texas

Dear Mr. Lanier:

I don't press you unduly, but I do want to keep before your mind the hope of the Executive Committee of the Southern Regional Council that each Board member would get together $100 for the Council before the end of SRC's fiscal year, which is September 30, 1955.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

September 19, 1955

Mr. S. Thomas Friedman
1110 Bissonet
Houston, Texas

Dear Mr. Friedman:

I don't press you unduly, but I do want to keep before your mind the hope of the Executive Committee of the Southern Regional Council that each Board member would get together $100 for the Council before the end of SRC's fiscal year, which is September 30, 1955.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

September 19, 1955

The Right Reverend Charles Clingman
421 South Second Street
Louisville, Kentucky

Dear Bishop Clingman:

I don't press you unduly, but I do want to keep before your mind the hope of the Executive Committee of the Southern Regional Council that each Board member would get together $100 for the Council before the end of SRC's fiscal year, which is September 30, 1955.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

of SRC's fiscal year, which is September 30,

1955.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

Mr. Hodding Carter
Editor
Delta Democrat-Times
Greenville, Mississippi

Dear Mr. Carter:

I don't press you unduly, but I do want to keep before your mind the hope of the Executive Committee of the Southern Regional Council that each Board member would get together $100 for the Council before the end of SRC's fiscal year, which is September 30, 1955.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

September 19, 1955

Mr. A. J. Clement
District Manager
North Carolina Mutual Life Insurance
Company
702 High Street
Newark, New Jersey

Dear Mr. Clement:

I don't press you unduly, but I do want to keep before your mind the hope of the Executive Committee of the Southern Regional Council that each Board member would get together $100 for the Council before the end of SRC's fiscal year, which is September 30, 1955.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

September 19, 1955

Mr. Ulysses S. Bond
Madison,
Arkansas

Dear Mr. Bond:

I don't press you unduly, but I do want to keep before your mind the hope of the Executive Committee of the Southern Regional Council that each Board member would get together $100 for the Council before the end of SRC's fiscal year, which is September 30, 1955.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

September 19, 1955

Mrs. W. F. Bates
125 Atkins Street
North Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Mrs. Bates:

I don't press you unduly, but I do want to keep before your mind the hope of the Executive Committee of the Southern Regional Council that each Board member would get together $100 for the Council before the end of SRC's fiscal year, which is September 30, 1955.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

September 19, 1955

Mr. R. B. Atwood
Kentucky State College
Frankfort, Kentucky

Dear Mr. Atwood:

I don't press you unduly, but I do want to keep before your mind the hope of the Executive Committee of the Southern Regional Council that each Board member would get together $100 for the Council before the end of SRC's fiscal year, which is September 30, 1955.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

September 19, 1955

Mr. Ralph Barbare
Winthrop Training School
Rock Hill, South Carolina

Dear Mr. Barbare:

I know you said back in April that you would try to scare together some or all of the $100 for SRC before the end of this fiscal year (September 30, 1955). I don't press you, but I do remind you.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

September 19, 1955

Mr. I. H. Burney
P. O. Box 660
Jacksonville, Florida

Dear Mr. Burney:

When Rufus Clement wrote you back in April about the action of the Executive Committee of SRC in urging that the Board members join them in sending in $100 apiece before September 30, 1955, you said you would be in touch with us about what you could do. I do not press you unduly, but I do remind you.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

September 19, 1955

Mr. O. D. Duncan
Oklahoma A. & M. College
Stillwater, Oklahoma

Dear Mr. Duncan:

Every now and then I run through the list of our would-be-$100-contributors from the Board. We record you happily as having $15.00 deeply paid in from Mrs. McAlpin back in July. The end of our fiscal year comes September 30th. I don't press, but I do remind.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

September 19, 1955

Mr. E. A. McDowell
Southern Baptist Theological Seminary
Wake Forest, North Carolina

Dear Mr. McDowell:

We recall that when Mr. Clement wrote you and we followed up about the hope of the Executive Committee of SRC that Board members would try to put together $100 for us before the end of the fiscal year (September 30, 1955), you wrote in July and said you would try to put it together. I don't press you, but I do remind you of the approach of September 30th.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

September 19, 1955

Mr. Hollis Rinehart
Ingraham Building
Miami, Florida

Dear Hollis:

Five or six beneficent souls from the Board have already sent in their $100 which Rufus Clement wrote out and asked Board members to try to put together by September 30th -- which is the end of our fiscal year. I know you wrote and said you would do what you could to get it together. I don't press it but I do remind you.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

September 19, 1955

Mr. Charles A. Shaw
2206 Dowling Street
Houston, Texas

Dear Mr. Shaw:

We have swapped letters back and forth about Mr. Clement's idea of getting Board members to find $100 before the end of the fiscal year, which is September 30, 1955. You wrote us back in April that you would try to get it together. I don't press you but I do remind you.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

September 19, 1955

Judge L. E. Thomas
1035 N. W. Second Avenue
Miami, Florida

Dear Judge Thomas:

You wrote us at the end of July that toward finding the $100, you were going to turn somebody upside down and tear his pockets if need be! I don't press you but I do remind you that September 30, which is the end of the fiscal year, is coming along.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

NOTE: Original ltr and copy of outgoing put into Exec. Com. file (mtg. Oct. 28-29).

FILE COPY

September 21, 1955

Rec'd 100

Mr. Morris B. Abram
515 Healey Building
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Mr. Abram:

We are grateful for the $100, but hard hit by your resigning both from the Executive Committee and from the Board.

The Board cannot take but a single day a year, and we do think you ought to stay on the Board.

Meanwhile, we are endlessly grateful for all the hours and hours of time and the brilliant thinking you have put into helping us solve our own and the South's problems. Never did any organization have a more devoted and effective friend.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl. SRC official receipt $100

LAW OFFICES OF
HEYMAN & ABRAM
515 HEALEY BUILDING
ATLANTA 3, GA.

ARTHUR HEYMAN (1867-1951)
HERMAN HEYMAN
MORRIS B. ABRAM
CHARLES F. WITTENSTEIN
HELEN T. HARPER

September 9, 1955

SEP 21 1955

Mr. George S. Mitchell
Executive Secretary
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
Room 432, 63 Auburn Ave. N.E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear George:

OK pha

I am enclosing my check for $100.00 to the Southern Regional Council.

With every kind regard, I am

Sincerely,

Morris B. Abram

A/c
Enc.
CC: Mr. M.A. Wright, President
Southern Regional Council
Linville Falls, North Carolina

September 26, 1955

Mr. Paul R. Christopher
Congress of Industrial Organizations
216 Flatiron Building
Knoxville 17, Tennessee

Dear Paul:

Warmest thanks for the two from Fee and the two from Dan Powell. Each has been thanked.

Best,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

WALTER P. REUTHER
PRESIDENT

JOHN V. RIFFE
EXECUTIVE VICE-PRESIDENT

JAMES B. CAREY
SECRETARY-TREASURER

$4.00

Congress of Industrial Organizations

CIO

Total 104.00

REGION 4
PAUL R. CHRISTOPHER
DIRECTOR

TENNESSEE, KENTUCKY
NORTH CAROLINA, VIRGINIA

TELEPHONE: 2-6780
TELETYPEWRITER KX 89
216 FLATIRON BUILDING
705 BROADWAY, N. E.
KNOXVILLE 17, TENNESSEE

FILE COPY

ERNEST B. PUGH
ASSISTANT DIRECTOR
102 N. BELVIDERE STREET
RICHMOND 20, VIRGINIA

PHONE: 3-4770

September 23, 1955

Mr. George S. Mitchell
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Room 432
Atlanta, Ga.

SEP 26 1955

Dear George:

CR Nho

Here is another four dollars ($4.00), representing additional contributions to SRC in the amount of $2.00 each from the following:

Daniel A. Powell
CIO-PAC Representative
1041 Colonial Road
Memphis, Tennessee

Thomas F. Fee
OCAW-CIO Representative
600 1/2 Jefferson St.
Paducah, Ky.

Be sure to acknowledge receipt to each of them.
Thanks.

Sincerely,

Paul R. Christopher

Paul R. Christopher
Regional Director, Region IV

PRC:llr
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WALTER P. REUTHER
PRESIDENT

JOHN V. RIFFE
EXECUTIVE VICE-PRESIDENT

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SECRETARY-TREASURER

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ERNEST B. PUGH
ASSISTANT DIRECTOR
102 N. BELVIDERE STREET
RICHMOND 20, VIRGINIA

PHONE: 3-4770

March 10, 1955

Mr. George S. Mitchell
Executive Director
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
Room 432, 63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear George:

Thanks very much for your favor of March 8th, along with a copy of the Minutes of the meeting of the SRC Executive Committee on February 17th. I shall not forget my commitment to get or give $100.00 before September 30th.

~~Sincerely,~~

Paul

Paul R. Christopher
Regional Director, Region IV

PRC:llr

liu 1695 cio

will have during month of august
ltr 8/3/55

10.00

September 26, 1955

envelope addressed to P.O Box 516 Gallatin, Tenn.

Mrs. E. U. Robinson
675 North Water Street
Gallatin, Tennessee

Dear Mrs. Robinson:

I felt a stab of pain each time I sent out to you the follow-ups on the business of the hundred dollars. But it was an official act of the Executive Committee, and my job is to do what they say! So out the letters had to go.

You are mighty kind to send in your check. Ten dollar checks are hard to come by, and yours is deeply and fully appreciated!

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl: SRC official receipt $10.00

Woman's Society of Christian Service
THE METHODIST CHURCH
SOUTHEASTERN JURISDICTION

MRS. E. U. ROBINSON
President
P. O. Box 516, Gallatin, Tenn.

Sept. 23, 1955

Dear Mr. Mitchell,

Enclosed is Check for $10.00 for S.R.C.

I hope I may be the means whereby more can be sent in - but working under the pressure I am and have been for months - I do not have the time to compile any list of prospects for further contributions.

I am a friend of S.R.C. - speak for it, endorse it, and am glad to work for it in any way I can - but there are multitudinous demands upon me constantly - both financial and time.

Very sincerely,

Ruth C. Robinson

(Mrs. E. U.)

SEP 26 1955

October 3, 1955

Mr. Harry V. Richardson
Gammon Theological Seminary
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Harry:

A hundred is a great thudding amount.

And the Southern Regional Council is ever-lastingly appreciative of your putting it in.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl. - $100 SRC official receipt.

GAMMON THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY
ATLANTA, GEORGIA

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

September 26, 1955

Dr. George S. Mitchell, Director
Southern Regional Council
63 Auburn Avenue, N.E.
Atlanta, Georgia

SEP 27 1955

Dear Bro. George:

Enclosed is my check for $100.00. CR rha
I am pleased to do this little toward the great work of the Council.

All best wishes.

Cordially,

Harry V. Richardson

Harry V. Richardson
President

HVR;d

Enclosed Check #833

October 3, 1955

Miss Josephine Wilkins
c/o the Biltmore Hotel
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Josephine:

We are deeply grateful for that whole solid $100.

Come to see us and let us rejoice together on the fiscal success of the closing year.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl. - SRC Official receipt

ATLANTA, GEORGIA

September 27, 1955

SEP 29 1955

Dear George:

It is to my advantage tax-wise to have my hundred dollar pledge paid in the manner of the attached check, but it is from me personally nonetheless. Am sorry it had to be delayed until now.

$100.00 CR
pha

So good to see you and Alice last Saturday night! Will be dropping by shortly.

Warm regards,

Josephine Wilkins

Mr. George S. Mitchell, Executive Director
Southern Regional Council
Atlanta, Georgia

Unable to place

October 3, 1955

Mr. A. S. Turnipseed
251 Island Court
Mobile, Alabama

Dear Mr. Turnipseed:

I must say I had little heart in sending out the follow-ups on the action of the Executive Committee about the hundred dollars, but it was a blanket action, and I had no power to temper the wind! But of course we all realized that some of us just couldn't. On the other hand, some could have when I daresay they wouldn't have without the request of the Committee.

The Board of Directors meets this year at Dorothy Hall at Tuskegee Institute all day Wednesday, November 9th. We all greatly hope that you will come and take part.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

The Methodist Church
MOBILE DISTRICT - ALABAMA CONFERENCE
Telephone GR 7-5050 251 Island Court
Mobile, Alabama

A. S. TURNIPSEED
District Superintendent

SEP 26 1955

September 23, 1955

Dr. George S. Mitchell
Executive Director,
63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Dr. Mitchell:

I appreciate your calling to my attention the plan of the Executive Commitee of the Southern Regional Counsil for each Board member to secure one hundred dollars for the Counsil by September 30, 1955. In my position it is my responsibility to see to it that the various financial causes of the Methodist Church are taken care of by the sixty three Methodist Churches in the Mobile district. Some of these causes require considerable emphasis to get them across to the people. Because of this I would be unable to press for funds for the Counsil. If I were in the Pastorate I would have a freer hand.

Sincerely,

A. S. Turnipseed

A. S. Turnipseed

AST/rh

$107.00 Fd

October 3, 1955

Mr. L. E. Thomas
1035 N. W. Second Avenue
Miami 36, Florida

Dear Mr. Thomas:

You turned them upside down and shook their pockets so successfully that even some extra fell down! And the letter came in before the end of the fiscal year.

We are deeply grateful for your efforts and for the kindness and consideration of your many friends.

We are sending an official receipt to each of those who made contributions to you along with a letter, copy attached.

It is just this kind of shared money raising which does the Council and the South the most good.

With warmest appreciation.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encls:
Official Receipt $107
cc: ltr to each contributor

TELEPHONE 3-3377

L. E. THOMAS
ATTORNEY AND COUNSELOR AT LAW
1035 N. W. SECOND AVENUE
MIAMI 36, FLORIDA

SEP 29 1955

September 28, 1955

Doctor Rufus Clements, Chairman
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Sir:

Enclosed six (6) checks totaling Seventy Dollars and my check for Thirty-seven Dollars which go to meet my pro-- mise to raise One hundred Dollars for the Council before September 30th, 1955.

4/07 00 CR
rha

The names and addresses of the donors are attached to this letter and the writer would appreciate a receipt from the Council sent to each of them in appreciation of their contribution. I do not believe a letter will be necessary.

Yours very truly,

L. E. Thomas

L. E. Thomas

LET:fej
Enclosure

Air Mail Special Delivery

October 3, 1955

Dr. W. A. Patterson, Jr.
528 N. W. Fourteenth St.
Miami, Florida

Dear Dr. Patterson:

Mr. L. E. Thomas kindly sent us on your most welcome contribution to the Southern Regional Council. Here is our official receipt for it.

Contributions to the Southern Regional Council are tax-exempt. We will see to it that our small magazine, New South, reaches you for a year.

Appreciatively,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl. - SRC official receipt $25.00

cc: Mr. L. E. Thomas

Original of this letter also sent to:

Dr. W. A. Patterson, Sr. - $2.00
Dr. Aubrey W. Henry - $5.00
Dr. H. H. Green - $10.00
Dr. R. H. Portier - $15.00
Dr. George W. Styles - $10.00
Dr. G. W. Hawkins - $5.00
Atty. Henry Arrington - $20.00
Atty. John D. Johnson - $10.00

September 28th, 1955

CONTRIBUTIONS MADE TO SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL

Miami, Florida

NAME	ADDRESS	AMOUNT
Dr. W. A. Patterson, Jr.	528 N. W. 14th Street	$25.00---check
Dr. Aubrey W. Henry	1026 N. W. 2nd Avenue	5.00---check
Dr. H. H. Green	206 N. W. 7th Street	10.00---check
Dr. R. H. Portier	818 N. W. 3rd Avenue	15.00---check
Dr. George W. Styles	1410 N. W. 3rd Avenue	10.00---check
Atty. G. E. Graves, Jr.	802 N. W. 2nd Avenue	5.00---check
Dr. G. W. Hawkins	1018 N. W. 3rd Avenue	5.00---cash
Atty. Henry Arrington	1034 N. W. 3rd Avenue	20.00---cash
Atty. John D. Johnson	802 N. W. 2nd Avenue	10.00---cash
Dr. W. A. Patterson, Sr.	1240 N. W. 3rd Avenue	2.00---cash

my check

OK for New Orleans 9/29/55 RKA

Order made 9/22/55 RKA

August 3, 1955

Mr. L. E. Thomas
1035 N. W. Second Avenue
Miami 36, Florida

Dear Mr. Thomas:

Many thanks for writing about the hundred. I am sure it will come through from you one way or another.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

TELEPHONE 3-3377

L. E. THOMAS
ATTORNEY AND COUNSELOR AT LAW
1035 N. W. SECOND AVENUE
MIAMI 36, FLORIDA

July 29, 1955

JUL 30 1955

Dr. George S. Mitchell,
Executive Director
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
Room 432, 63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Dr. Mitchell:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of July 20, 1955, concerning the letter received from Dr. Clements sometime ago. When I do write Dr. Clements, I will apologize for not acknowledging receipt of his letter. It was my plan to acknowledge receipt of his letter with the $100.00 enclosed before September 30, 1955.

The Executive Committee can expect the $100.00 through me if I am required even to tear off a few hip pockets in these parts to get it up.

Yours very truly,

L. E. Thomas

L. E. Thomas

LET:fej
CC: Dr. Rufus Clements

October 4, 1955

50.00 — [illegible] for [illegible] [illegible]

Mr. Hodding Carter
The Delta Democrat Times
Greenville, Mississippi

Dear Mr. Carter:

'Tis an unwelcome task to ask good eggs to dig in and find money for the Council. Made the easier when somebody does come along and help in the very kind way that you did.

Appreciatively,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
(Dictated October 3rd)

Encl. SRC Official Receipt $50.00

HODDING CARTER
EDITOR & PUBLISHER

JOHN T. GIBSON
GENERAL MANAGER

The Delta Democrat-Times

Greenville, Mississippi

September 29, 1955

OCT 3 1955

Mr. George S. Mitchell
Executive Director
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Mr. Mitchell:

Enclosed is $50. I will try to find another $50 shortly.

Cordially,

Hodding Carter

HC:IBL

Hodding Carter

25.00

October 4, 1955

Mrs. J. Fount Tillman
Route 1
Lewisburg, Tennessee

Dear Mrs. Tillman:

We think $25.00 is a whole lot of money, and we are exceedingly grateful to you for sending it in.

The Board meets November 9th, and we greatly hope that you will be there.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
(Dictated 10/3/55)

Encl. SRC official receipt.

Southern Regional Council, Inc.
63 AUBURN AVENUE, N. E. ATLANTA 3, GEORGIA

September 19, 1955

Mrs. J. Fount Tillman
Lewisburg,
Tennessee

SEP 30 1955

Dear Mrs. Tillman:

I don't press you unduly, but I do want to keep before your mind the hope of the Executive Committee of the Southern Regional Council that each Board member would get together $100 for the Council before the end of SRC's fiscal year, which is September 30, 1955.

25.00
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Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

Dear Dr. Mitchell —
I am sorry that pressure of other obligations precludes my giving time to solicitation or a personal gift in the amount requested. Enclosed is a "token" check in appreciation of the work of the Council —
Sadie W. Tillman

October 4, 1955

Mr. Thomas W. Young
Journal & Guide
719 East Olney Road
Norfolk 1, Virginia

Dear Mr. Young:

Deadlines don't matter a lot; we will be needful and delighted whenever you can fetch together whatever contribution you can.

I send you up, separately, twenty leaflets.

You will, of course, have some conflict with the efforts of the Virginia Council on Human Relations to raise money also. All I know to do is to explain that it is necessary to keep going some central organization too.

Appreciatively,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

cc: GSA
RA

OCT 3 1955

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TELEPHONE 53686

PUBLISHED WEEKLY BY THE GUIDE PUBLISHING COMPANY, INC.

719 EAST OLNEY ROAD
NORFOLK 1, VIRGINIA

September 30, 1955

Mr. George S. Mitchell
Executive Director, Southern Regional Council
63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Mr. Mitchell:

I apologize for being tardy in my efforts to raise the $100 requested of each board member, but I have been frightfully "disorganized" since early summer and have been unable to get to a number of things which I should have attended to.

If you will send me about fifteen or twenty of the small leaflets or brochures explaining the program and objectives of the Southern Regional Council, I will buttonhole a few of my friends and raise the money.

Today being the last in your current fiscal year, I have obviously missed the deadline, but if you can accept this pledge to raise the $100 and count it in your total, then I assure you the amount will be forthcoming in a few days.

Sincerely yours,

Thomas W. Young

Thomas W. Young

joy

October 5, 1955

Mr. O. D. Duncan
Department of Sociology
Oklahoma A & M College
Stillwater, Oklahoma

Dear O. D. :

A spick and span conscience ought to let you sleep well at night. You are a faithful Board member! I thought what would happen would be that the six that came in and the two, and another two perhaps, would be the crop. But you went on and ~~made~~ it all up to the large round sum of $100. I can't tell you how grateful we are. We are strengthened by your generosity and devotion. By all means as soon as more contributions can be found use them to make up your own too heavy lump in the hundred.

The Nominating Committee for membership on the Board meets next Saturday. I don't know what they will do, but I hope they will put you right back on the Board.

Do come to Tuskegee. You will have a good time there, and I think you will consider it worth the effort.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl. SRC official receipt $80.00

Oklahoma
Agricultural and Mechanical College
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY AND RURAL LIFE
STILLWATER

September 27, 1955

SEP 28 1955

Dr. George S. Mitchell
Southern Regional Council
Atlanta, Georgia

3 - Express checks @ $20 each
1 - check $18
cash $2
Total $80.00
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Dear George:

Attached are certain checks totaling $78 and two one-dollar bills in cash, which brings up to $80, the balance on the quota assigned to me.

Please note that I have endorsed three traveller's checks to the Council on the reverse side. I suppose you know my signature, which you are supposed to have seen me affix in person. I am sure this technicality can be obviated if you are willing to accept them without seeing me sign them. I just happened to have them left from a trip which I made recently, and I wanted to dispose of them, as I do not have any immediate need for such forms of credit when at home.

Enclosed also is the card indicating that I hope to try to attend the meeting. If something should happen to prevent my being there, please do not think hard of me for it. Actually, it is a considerable expenditure of time for me, since it will take two days to go, one day at the meeting, and two days to return, which is a week's time, practically, and I am very short of help just now.

As I recall, my last appointment to the Council was to expire in 1955, which I am sure your records will show. If there is anyone else whom you would rather have from Oklahoma than myself, please feel free to make the change. It might be well to spread out your contacts, you know, and it is possible that you have someone in mind already who can do far better than I. As you know, I am the poorest promoter in the world.

Lastly, if anyone else in Oklahoma should see fit to make a contribution to lighten my expense in this matter, I should like to reserve the privilege of applying it to my contribution until I reduce it to something like an amount which I can afford personally to contribute, and at the same time designating such a person, or persons, to receive the Council's literature.

Trusting that things are going well, I am,

Sincerely yours,

O. D.

O. D. Duncan.

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Copy for 11/9/55 Bd. meeting folder

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September 19, 1955

Mr. O. D. Duncan
Oklahoma A. & M. College
Stillwater, Oklahoma

Dear O. D.:

How very nice of the Oklahoma City Friends meeting to put up $5.00. I have written them as enclosed.

Tuskegee Institute is two or three miles from the main line of the Atlanta and West Point Railway (which may somewhere be listed as the Western Railway of Alabama) and which is the principal connector. The station stop on the A&WP Railroad for Tuskegee Institute is Chehaw. From Chehaw, an abundance of taxis fly to Tuskegee Institute.

Tuskegee has comfortable quarters for us at Dorothy Hall on the Campus, and even if train times made you arrive a bit earlier, you would find opportunity for pleasant rest.

It is, of course, possible to reach Tuskegee Institute by bus from Montgomery, in which case you get off at the town of Tuskegee and contrive your way to the Institute campus. Do come; you ought to be there.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Dictated by Dr. Mitchell/signed in his absence.
Encl. - cc ltr.to Mr. Byerly

July 22, 1955

Mrs. David M. MacAlpine
1015 West Fourth Avenue
Stillwater, Oklahoma

Dear Mrs. MacAlpine:

How very kind indeed that is of you !

We are deeply grateful.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/vc

July 22, 1955

Mr. O.D. Duncan
Oklahoma Agricultural and
Mechanical College
Stillwater, Oklahoma

Dear O.D:

Mrs. MacAlpine's $15 came in in beautiful order and we have sent her an official SRC receipt.

We will keep a list of the contributions you send in or that come from your pronpting and will tick them off against your hundred.

We are getting things done but I continue that we are not helping in Oklahoma.

Hope to see you at our board meeting November 9 at Tuskegee Institute, Alabama.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/vc

Duncan, O. D.

Oklahoma
Agricultural and Mechanical College
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY AND RURAL LIFE
STILLWATER

July 20, 1955

JUL 22 1955

Dr. George S. Mitchell
Southern Regional Council
63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear George:

Sometime ago, Dr. Rufus Clement wrote to convey to me the pleasant news that I was to raise 100 batwings for the Council between then and around the first of September. I suspect you put him up to it. He said I could solicit it or pay it myself. The truth is that do date I have not done much of either.

However, a few days ago I dropped a hint to a very fine lady in Stillwater, and also a copy of New South, besides telling her what a fine man Marion Wright is (I am still saving back George Mitchell, Rufus Clement, and maybe a few others). Today, she fetched me $15, which is the first red cent anybody besides myself has paid, as far as my knowledge goes, from Oklahoma in history. I have paid dues for a number of fellows who probably slunk off when they got renewal notices.

Dr. Clement told me I was to get the money somehow. What I would like to know is how to acknowledge the amount officially. Once, I believe, when I made a contribution of something like $15 I designated some other people than myself to be members. Is that okay? If so, you might write Mrs. David M. MacAlpine, 1015 West Fourth Avenue, Stillwater, Oklahoma, and indicate to her how she can designate the money.

I do not have an official receipt of the Council. If you signed one and sent it to her she could use it as proof for income tax deduction.

Trusting that things are going along fine, I am,

Sincerely yours,

"O.D."

O. D. Duncan.

September 19, 1955

Mr. William E. Byerly
337 S. E. Forty-Sixth Street
Oklahoma City 9, Oklahoma

Dear Mr. Byerly:

The Southern Regional Council is grateful for the check for $5.00 from the Oklahoma City Friends meeting, sent on through Mr. Duncan our Oklahoma Board member.

Good Mr. Duncan is trying to put together a total of $100, and your check makes the second contribution he has had toward it.

We will send you our magazine for the coming year, and hope you will like it. It is called New South.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Dictated by Dr. Mitchell/signed in his absence.
Encl. - Official SRC Receipt $5.00

cc: Mr. O. D. Duncan
RA

Oklahoma
Agricultural and Mechanical College
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY AND RURAL LIFE
STILLWATER

September 14, 1955

Dr George S. Mitchell
Southern Regional Council
63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta, Georgia

SEP 16 1955

Dear George:

This little donation came voluntarily this morning. I am more glad to have the organization represented than to have the five bucks, much as we need both. Maybe the organization will bring in more money, if we get this man to pass along the word that we want $100 from Oklahoma, by September 30. I am gla to have a little expansion of territorial interest in Oklahoma.

I read this fellow's name as William E. Byerly, and he seems to be treasurer of the Oklahoma City Friends' Meeting. Perhaps you can write him a letter, and I intend to write him to see if he will do a little mooching for me. I might have had my share raised if I had had time to do a little hot-footing around.

It is never good form to write about two subjects in the same letter, but I wonder how on earth one would get from Stillwater to Tuskegee without walking. I drove through there recently, though not directly from here. It would take around two days each way to drive from here. I believe it would be as easy to get there by bus from either Birmingham or Atlanta as by any other method. I just plain do not ride airplanes. If your office has any travel suggestions, I would appreciate having them.

Hoping that things are going well, I am,

sincerely yours,

O. D. Duncan.

337 S.E. 46th St.
Oklahoma City 9, Okla
Sept. 13, 1955

Dr. O. D. Duncan
Okla. A & M College
Stillwater, Okla

Dear Dr Duncan:

Our Friends Meeting has learned of your work with the Southern Regional Conference for Racial Understanding & Integration (have not the right name at hand) and want to show our interest by sending the enclosed check.

Our Meeting is rather small & we still meet at Hubbard Hospital and are working toward a place of our own. We plan to meet with the "MacAlpine" Clan in Stillwater one Sunday late this month or in October.

Hope we have your name right and that this reaches you all right. Yours — or may be it was Sally McAlpine's letter that told us of you — letter was lost.

Sincerely

William E. Byerly, Treasurer
for Okla City Friend Mtg.

William E. Byerly

5.0.00

October 7, 1955

Mrs. W. F. Bates
125 Atkins Street
North Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Mrs. Bates:

How very kind that was of you to bring your original contribution up to the so-helpful sum of $50.00! We are deeply grateful, and conscious of the sacrifice in other things and other causes that the gift means.

From Tuskegee one of us would be happy to drive you in to Montgomery to catch a plane North for Cincinnati. I've called Eastern Air Lines on planes. The only that-afternoon arrangement takes you out of Montgomery airport at 2:19 p.m., brings you over to Atlanta, and leaves Atlanta for Cincinnati at 7:20. Would get to Cincinnati in a couple of hours.

Another possibility would be to leave Montgomery airport at 5:47 p.m., come over to Atlanta (reached at 8:10 p.m.), sleep in Atlanta, and catch an 8:45 plane out in the morning for Cincinnati, getting there at 10:35 a.m.

For whichever, or any other, we would be glad to undertake to get you to the airport in Montgomery.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

Encl. SRC official receipt $25.00

cc: RA (for arrangements if need be)

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October 5,1955.

Mr. George S.Mitchell
63 Auburn Ave. N.E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

OCT 7 1955

Dear Mr. Mitchell:

Enclosed you will find the remaining $25.00 that I promised to give to the Council at this time. I do wish that it could be more, but I am glad to be able to help this much.

Check
Total
$50.00

As to the time of the annual meeting in Tuskegee. I am trying hard to arrange matters so that I can attend. I want to attend the meeting because of the importance of the annual meeting, and then too, I have never been to Tuskegee and I very much want this opportunity to visit the school. My trouble is this, our National Council on Christian Education of the Methodist Church is meeting at that same time in Cincinnati. We have a week long meeting beginning on the 8th. But if I can arrange to miss the first part of the session and fly on to Cincinnati the night of the 9th, I may be able to make it. Rest assured that I will be there if I can possibly work out this schedule.

Trusting that you have a good year, and that I may see you again in Tuskegee,

I remain,

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. W. F. Bates

Mrs. W.F.Bates

FILE COPY

August 15, 1955

25.00
50.00
75.00

Mrs. W. F. Bates
125 Atkins Street
North Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Mrs. Bates:

How very kind of you to send in that helping $25.00. These requests get made for a whole Board, and I quite know that plenty of us (including your humble servant) find it more than difficult to get all the way to the line a Committee marks out! The more our appreciation of what you have done, and will try to help with in October.

We likewise praise what's going in your state! Would they were all as wise!

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl. SRC official receipt $25.00

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August 10,1955.

Mr. George S.Mitchell
Room 432, 63 Auburn Avenue, N.E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

AUG 13 1955

Dear Sir:

This is a rather late answer to your letter of July 20th. I am so sorry but this has been such a very busy summer and I have been late getting many things done.

Our work in Arkansas is moving along in a fine way. You are having regular reports from Mr. Mercer and Mr. Griswold, and so you are being kept informed regarding the progress made in Arkansas.Mr. Darraugh is a conscientious and hard working chairman, and the rest of the exective board are giving good support I believe.We are people who are deeply concerned with the whole problem concerning integration in the public schools and in our churches. And those are the two angles which are before us right now.

CR 25.00 rha

I am enclosing $25.00 as my contribution to the Southern Regional Council at this time. The first of October I can give another $25.00. I havn't had time to try to raise the money by securing contributions from other folks, and I am about the poorest person in the world to do so. Then of course I am sure that you realize the persons who might contribute to the Southern Regional here, will shortly be called on for sizable donations for the Arkansas Council, and I hesitated to ask for the other contribution. I can contribute some more later on if we still need it, and I will send the other $25.00 the first of October. I want to do my part, but my own funds are very limited.

Very sincerely,

Mrs. W. F. Bates
Mrs. W.F.Bates

100.00

October 7, 1955

Mr. Charles A. Shaw
P. O. Box 2097
Houston, Texas

Dear Mr. Shaw:

Kindness and devotion that manifest themselves in so practical a way are choice and deeply appreciated. Here are letters that went out to the others who contributed.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encls.

SRC official receipt $10.00
cc: ltrs to Dr. R. O. Roett
Mr. T. P. Turner
Dr. G.P.A. Forde
Mr. & Mrs. J. E. Robinson - 50.00
Watchtower Life Insurance Co.

October 7, 1955

Mr. T. P. Turner
P. O. Box 2097
Houston, Texas

Dear Mr. Turner:

That was extremely kind of you to send on your much appreciated contribution to the Southern Regional Council through Mr. Charles A. Shaw. We are deeply grateful for it.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl. SRC official receipt $10.00
cc: Mr. Shaw

October 7, 1955

Dr. G.P.A. Forde
618 Prarie
Houston, Texas

Dear Dr. Forde:

How very kind indeed that was of you to send on, through Mr. Charles A. Shaw, your contribution to the Southern Regional Council. We are extremely grateful for it.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl. - SRC official receipt $10.00
cc: Mr. Shaw

GSM/eab
Encl.

October 7, 1955

Watchtower Life Insurance Company
P. O. Box 2097
Houston, Texas

Gentlemen:

We are deeply grateful to your Company for its contribution of $50.00 to the Southern Regional Council. This has been a period of special need, and we are all particularly grateful for your generous help at this time.

Appreciatively,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl. SRC Official Receipt $50.00
cc: Mr. Chas A. Shaw

October 7, 1955

Dr. R. O. Roett
3262 Holman
Houston, Texas

Dear Dr. Roett:

How very kind indeed that was of you to send on, through Mr. Charles A. Shaw, your contribution to the Southern Regional Council. We are extremely grateful for it.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl. - SRC official receipt $10.00
cc: Mr. Shaw

October 7, 1955

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Robinson
2413 Dowling
Houston, Texas

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Robinson:

How very kind indeed that was of you to send on, through Mr. Charles A. Shaw, your contribution to the Southern Regional Council. We are extremely grateful for it.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl. SRC official receipt $10.00
cc: Mr. Shaw

LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY
HOME OFFICE: 2208 DOWLING STREET - P. O. BOX 2097
HOUSTON, TEXAS

October 4, 1955

OCT 6 1955

Dr. George S. Mitchell
Executive Director
63 Auburn Avenue, N.E.,
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Mr. Mitchell:

You will find enclosed checks totaling $100.00 which represents donations made to the Southern Regional Council by the following:

Dr. R. O. Roett	3262 Holman	Houston, Texas	$10.00
Mr. T. P. Turner	P.O.Box 2097	"	10.00
Dr. G. P.A. Forde	618 Prairie	"	10.00
Chas. A. Shaw	P.O.Box 2097	"	10.00
Watchtower Life Insurance Company	P. O. Box 2097	"	50.00
Mr. & Mrs. J. E. Robinson	2413 Dowling	"	10.00

checks
rha
OK for New South
rha

Ishall appreciate having you acknowledge receipt of these donations from each of the donors in the form of a letter of appreciation for their cooperation in this instance.

I sincerely trust that the response to this effort will be most gratifying.

With every good wish, I am

Very truly yours,

Chas. A. Shaw

Chas. A. Shaw
President

CAS/cs
Encl. 5 cks
cc: Dr. Rufus Clement

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO THE COMPANY AND NOT TO ANY INDIVIDUAL

LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY
HOME OFFICE: 2206 DOWLING STREET - P. O. BOX 2097
HOUSTON, TEXAS

APR 19 1955

April 13, 1955

REC 4/15/55 ✓
S. R. Council

Dr. Rufus E. Clement,
Chairman Executive Committee
Southern Regional Council
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. Clemet:

Acknowledgement is made of your letter of April 4, with reference to the anticipated deficit which the Southern Regional Council must raise by September 30, 1955. In accordance with your request I shall endeavor to raise or contribute the quota being assigned to each member of the Board of Directors.

Although I have not had the pleasant privilege of seeing you in recent months I have kept informed of your numerous activities through mutual friends and the columns of the press. I trust that everything goes well with you and that God's choicest blessings will be yours in abundance throughout the coming years.

With every good wish, I am

Sincerely yours,

Chas. A. Shaw

Chas. A. Shaw,
President

CAS/cs

$50.00

October 12, 1955

Mr. J. H. Wheeler
Mechanics & Farmers Bank
Box 1932
Durham, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Wheeler:

Mighty nice of you to send that appreciated $50.00. 'Tis no matter of pleasure to write to faithful Board people, and ask them to chip in this way, but I was directed to do it, and I did. And I and all of us thank you, and the quite numerous others who did chip in, and put us into the black for the turn of the fiscal year.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/ys

$100
Paid

October 24, 1955

Mr. Philip Hammer
70 Fairlie Street
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Jane and Phil:

I have sent the enclosed notes to the Toombses and to Mrs. MacDougall.

Twenty-five dollars of personal money is no light sum, and $100 worth of energy in organizing $100 in cash is still more. We are deeply grateful to you for being on the honor roll!

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl.: SRC official receipt $25.00
Copies of ltrs to Mrs. MacDougall and
to Mr. and Mrs. Toombs

October 24, 1955

Mrs. R. L. MacDougall
4141 Club Drive, N. E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mrs. MacDougall:

That was mighty kind of you to be of such substantial help to Phil and to all of us.

We are mighty grateful.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

Encl.: SRC official receipt $50.00
cc: Mr. Philip Hammer

October 24, 1955

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Toombs
2871 Normandy Drive, N. W.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear The Toombses:

Nothing does as much to make our job easier than good strong friends who help morally and with cash money!

We are deeply grateful to the Toombses through Phil Hammer.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

Encl.: SRC official receipt $25.00
cc: Mr. Philip Hammer

PHILIP HAMMER
GLENN BUILDING
ATLANTA 3, GEORGIA

Oct 21 1955

OCT 24 1955

Dear Jerry,

Here is the $100 testifying to my devotion as a board member!

Note three checks — one from Mrs MacDougall, one from Hammer, and the other is from Mr. & Mrs. Henry Toombs — despite its being signed by J. E. Wells. Your records should say Toombs & acknowledgment made at their Normandy Drive address (Atlanta).

Warm regards.

Sincerely

Phil

Toombs
2871 Normandy Dr., N.W.

List for fund-raising letter from Dr. Clement

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ROOM 432, 63 AUBURN AVE[redacted]A

A Council to attain, through research and action, the ideals and practices of equal opportunity for all peoples in the South.

MEMORANDUM

TO: Dr. Rufus E. Clement, Chairman, Executive Committee

FROM: G. S. Alexander, Administrative Assistant

At the direction of Dr. Mitchell I am attaching a draft of a proposed letter to Board members and officers of the Southern Regional Council in regards to contributions for the current year.

Dr. Mitchell felt that it would be a much more effective appeal if the first letters went out over your signature. He also mentioned that you might want to use your own letterhead. However, when the draft of the letter is completed this office will proceed to get the letters typed and ready for your signature.

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December 8, 1955

Mr. R.B. Atwood
Kentucky State College
Frankfort, Kentucky

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Mrs. W.F. Bates
125 Atkins St.,
N. Little Rock, Arkansas

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Mrs. C.M. Birnie
864 Hunter St., N.W.
Atlanta, Georgia

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Madison, Arkansas

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Mr. I. H. Burney
P.O. Box 660
Jacksonville, Florida

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Mr. Hodding Carter, Editor
Delta Democrat-Times
Greenville, Mississippi

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Mr. Paul R. Christopher
216 Flatiron Building
Knoxville, Tennessee

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Atlanta University,
Atlanta, Georgia

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Rt. Rev. C. Clingman
421 South Second St.,
Louisville, Kentucky

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Mr. Jerome Crossman
3400 Republic National Bank Building
Dallas, Texas

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Mr. Herbert M. Davidson, Editor
Daytona Beach News Journal
Daytona Beach, Florida

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Mr. A.W. Dent
Dillard University
New Orleans, La.

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Mr. Luther H. Foster
Tuskegee Institute
Tuskegee, Alabama

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Mr. S. Thomas Friedman
1110 Bissonet
Houston, Texas

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Mr. John A. Griffin
Emory University
Emory University, Ga.

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Mr. George Mitchell

Office of the President
ATLANTA UNIVERSITY
ATLANTA, GEORGIA

December 10, 1955

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Dr. Benjamin E. Mays
Morehouse College
Atlanta
Georgia

Dear Doctor Mays:

Thank you for your letter of December 9 promising to contribute $100 to the Southern Regional Council during 1956.

With appreciation and with kind regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

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COLUMBIA THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

Decatur, Georgia

December 12, 1955

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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

President Rufus E. Clement
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. Clement:

Your letter of December 8 has been received and I appreciate your writing to me about the need of the Southern Regional Council for additional funds.

At the moment I have rather heavy commitments in the matter of my benevolent gifts and do not feel that I can send an immediate contribution. However, I am deeply interested in the work of the Southern Regional Council and I shall hope to be able to contribute at a later date.

With personal esteem and all good wishes, I am

Cordially yours,

/s/

J. McDowell Richards

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UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA

CHAPEL HILL

RECEIVED DEC 29 1955

December 14, 1955

Dear Dr. Clement:

Thank you for your letter of December 8. I shall do my best to obtain financial contributions for the support of the Council for the year ending September 30, 1956.

I am still a little puzzled by the problem of obtaining contributions both for the state organizations and for the central organizations; however, I shall do my best to do justice to both.

With best wishes for Christmas and the New Year.

Cordially yours,

/s/

Guy B. Johnson
Research Professor

Dr. Rufus E. Clement
Office of the President
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

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LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY
HOME OFFICE: 2206 DOWLING STREET - P. O. BOX 2097

HOUSTON, TEXAS

December 16, 1955

Dr. Rufus E. Clement, President
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. Clement:

Acknowledgement is made of your letter of December 8th in which you requested my cooperation in securing contributions toward the support of the Southern Regional Council during the current fiscal year. I shall be pleased to cooperate in this effort.

It is my sincere hope that the approaching Yuletide Season will be a joyous one for you and your family, and that God's choicest blessings will be yours in abundance throughout the New Year.

With every good wish, I am

Sincerely yours,

/s/

Chas. A. Shaw
President

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ONE HUNDRED DOLLAR
CONTRIBUTIONS FROM SRC BOARD AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS

1955

Morris B. Abram	$ 100.00
Mrs. W. F. Bates	50.00
Hodding Carter	50.00
Paul R. Christopher	106.00
Rufus E. Clement	100.00
Jerome Crossman	100.00
Herbert M. Davidson	150.00
O. D. Duncan	100.00
Leonard Haas	250.00
Philip G. Hammer	100.00
B. E. Mays	100.00
George S. Mitchell	100.00
Harry V. Richardson	100.00
Mrs. E. U. Robinson	10.00
Charles A. Shaw	100.00
Maurice V. Shean	100.00
Mrs. Tommie Stroud	100.00
L. R. Thomas	107.00
Mrs. J. Fount Tillman	25.00
Morton Weiss	100.00
Carter Wesley	100.00
John H. Wheeler	50.00
Miss Josephine Wilkins	100.00
Marion A. Wright	100.00
TOTAL	$2,398.00

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FISK UNIVERSITY

NASHVILLE 8, TENNESSEE

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

21 January 1956

Dr. Rufus E. Clement
President
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. Clement:

This is in response to your letter of December 8, about funds from Board members for the Council. (You see how far back I am on my correspondence.)

The best that I can do, in working with quite a number of organizations, as urgent for funds, if not as important as the Council, is to get $1,000 or $1,500 a year from the John Hay Whitney's for the work, chiefly of Mrs. Tilly. A gift of one thousand dollars has been secured for this year.

I usually send my own very modest contribution.

Sincerely yours,

/s/

Charles S. Johnson

CSJ:aef

April 16, 1956

Mr. R. B. Atwood
Kentucky State College
Frankfort, Kentucky

Dear Mr. Atwood:

We take this means of keeping alive the matter brought up in Mr. Rufus Clement's letter to you of December 8 - namely some help, appropriate to your circumstances, to the Southern Regional Council.

Our fiscal year will end September 30, 1956.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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JEROME K. CROSSMAN
3400 REPUBLIC NATIONAL BANK BUILDING
DALLAS 1, TEXAS

April 23, 1956

RECEIVED APR 25 1956

Mr. George S. Mitchell, Executive Director
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
63 Auburn Avenue, N.E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Mr. Mitchell:

I am sorry that I cannot respond to Mr. Clement's letter, as I have "given out" for this year.

Sincerely,

Jerome K. Crossman

Jerome K. Crossman

JKC:PR

MINUTES OF PROGRAM PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING - January 8, 1955

A meeting of the Program Planning Committee of the Southern Regional Council was held on Saturday, January 8, 1955 at the Waluhaje Hotel, Atlanta, Georgia. The meeting opened at 10:00 a.m. with Morris Abram, chairman, presiding.

Committee members present were: Morris Abram
Phillip Hammer
Josephine Wilkins
Cassandra Birnie

Council staff members present were: George S. Mitchell
Grace T. Hamilton
C.H. Parrish
Katherine Stoney
Fred Routh
Harold Fleming

The discussion for the day was based upon several questions which had been raised at previous meetings of the committee and which the committee felt must be answered before further planning could be done.

Mr. Abram reported that the committee had met three or four times during the past months, had regretted the absence of the SRC Executive Director at these meetings*, and also regretted the fact that neither Dr. Richardson nor Dr. Mays, whom he had asked to represent him, could be present for this meeting.

It was agreed that the procedure would be to take the questions in order and discuss each as fully as time would allow.

I. <u>What are the specific and binding conditions of the grant from the Fund for the Republic?</u>

It was recalled that the request for the grant was negotiated before the May 17th decision of the Supreme Court. Had there, asked the committee, been changes in the Council's emphasis and ways of work since the decision and, if so, is the Council firmly committed to follow the program as outlined in the request? This question was put to Dr. Mitchell who replied that in accepting the grant the Council had premised to do four things. (1) To do our best to establish in each of twelve Southern states a self sustaining, locally rooted organization. (2) We are expected to give policy lead to these organizations and to the South. (3) We are

* The Executive Director notes that he had not been approved of this

expected to raise certain stipulated sums in the central office and each state organization is to raise a sum. (4) We are not to endanger the tax-exempt status of the Council.

When asked whether his relations with the people of the Fund for the Republic since the decision led him to believe that the money was given for the outlines mentioned in the grant request and they would be unwilling to see a deviation in the program if the Council felt such was indicated, Dr. Mitchell replied that the agreement in the request was binding for a time, that it might be possible to negotiate another agreement but that he felt it was too soon, that there were too few learnings to justify such a proposal and that too little had been done to try the success of what was proposed. He said that he was reluctant to see a large portion of the grant go to administration of the central office unless there was agreement to abandon the whole ~~business~~ purpose of twelve state organizations.

Harold Fleming then said that he had talked with Mr. Freeman and Mr. Loescher last fall and that his impression from conversation with them was that they felt too little money had been allocated to the central office administration. He said their attitude seemed to be that we had made the division and that we had "sliced ourselves (central office) a bit thin." They had expressed the hope that the central office might be more adequately financed. Dr. Mitchell said that he had a firm agreement with David Freeman that he might shift money as among states but that no money would be shifted between the central office and the state organizations - this agreement having been made before the grant was approved.

Fred Routh then asked about the money allocated to the states but not yet used by them because they were not activated. Citing the cases of Florida and Tennessee, he asked whether it would not be reasonable to use some of the funds unspent in 1954 by them to cover costs of extra travel and promotion which must be done by central staff in order to get them organized. The Executive Director seemed unwilling to agree to this and the question was raised as to how the unexpended funds of the state organizations would be used. Three possibilities were suggested by Dr. Mitchell:

1. All remaining funds might at the end of the first subsidy period (Sept. 1955) be put into a pot and the amount divided among the states to be used during the following year.
2. States late in getting started might add their unused funds to the end of the subsidy period for that state.
3. Unused funds might accumulate and the subsidy period for all states be extended to the extent of accumulated funds.

Further discussion about the possible use of state funds to cover expense of extra services to them did not result in agreement about such possibilities.

In the matter of the relationship of the Central Office and the state organizations and the obligation of the central office for their administration and program, it was recognized that needs of the various states were widely different and that program here needed to be flexible.

Mrs. Hamilton, having just visited both the Kentucky and the North Carolina organizations, said that because of the Council's intent to establish in each state an organization that would be of use in that state, and because of the base on which it was necessary to begin, she felt the central office had an obligation to make available to these organizations a counselling and helping relationship whatever it might cost. Mr. Abram agreed that there was such an obligation but he was not sure that there was obligation on the part of the central office not to use money allocated to the states for this purpose, i.e., of getting the organization going. Mr. Hammer asked whether, following the Supreme Court decision and perhaps because of it, there had been any change in the problems or plans for getting the organizations going. Dr. Mitchell said that except that it had taken longer than he had anticipated, there had been no change.

Dr. Parrish called attention to the effect of the decision and the states governmental action and political climate as a result, on the willingness of people in the states to serve on the boards or committees of the SRC organizations - also to the fact that the wait-and-see policy had made people reluctant even to discuss the matter. Thus the job of organization is slower, more difficult and costlier.

Mr. Abram then summarized this discussion as follows:

1. The definite commitments as to the objectives of the Council and the agreement as to use of funds were made prior to the Supreme Court decision.
2. There have been no discussions about re-thinking the proposal as first presented.
3. That the central office is in a severe stricture financially.
4. That a number of the states are not yet well enough organized to have paid staff and make use of funds.
5. Members of the staff concerned with program and development of these states think that some of the unexpended state funds might well be used to cover extra services needed to get these states organized.
6. That, because of the experience of the past months, there might be a change in the outlook in the South and therefore in the SRC program.

Mr. Hammer then said that there seemed to be no question about the fact that the major job of the Council in the coming three years during the period of subsidy was to organize the states, but he questioned the Executive Director as to the proposal re a central office after the period of subsidy. Would there still be the need for a southwide organization, what plans had been made for continuing one, and had the May 17th decision made a difference in the need for a southwide organization as well as one in each state.

Dr. Mitchell said that it was his idea that there would be set up twelve outfits hooked to the Council during the period of subsidy, that after that time it would be left up to the states as to whether there would be a central organization, continuation being dependent on their wanting one. Further as to the matter of use of the state allocations for central offices services, he said that he felt it unwise to ~~make~~ even consider proposing such use of funds until after the central office had ~~not~~ raised its allotted amount ~~- that it did not live up to the agreements with the Fund.~~

In the further discussion about the function of the Council in addition to the building of state organizations, attention was called to the fact that there is an important distinction between the long-run state organizations and the condition

of those groups now - that at present they are infants needing a good deal of guidance and help both in program and organization. Miss Wilkins asked whether, even if the states were adequately organized and running, they might not need a central coordinating organization for a long time to come. Dr. Mitchell replied that decision would come from the states - that they must have some guidance but that it was necessary to build in them a sense of independence and that if too stringent directives came to them from a central office it would ~~put them in a bad light with the people who hate foundations~~ defeat the cooperative arrangement around which. He thought wide latitude must be given to the people running the state groups.

Attention was then called to the fact that under the new by-laws the Council is a self-perpetuating board of some 50 members plus two members from each state organization. Would the decision be left up to the Board or to the independent units as regards a continuing central organization. Dr. Mitchell agreed that for the time being the decision was up to a majority vote of the Board. However he felt that at the end of the subsidy period there would be no more money for continuing the central office and the decision would be made by the independent organizations who would then have to find a way to finance such continuation.

II. How is overall program of SRC developed?

What is the role of the Board?

Several observations made during the discussion as to the present SRC Board were:

1. That the Board is made up of people most of whom are experts in the field of race relations and therefore Board members should be used to advise with the staff on program and policy of SRC.
2. The experience of the last Board meeting made evident the fact that the members had too little knowledge about and awareness of SRC program, activities and proposals.
3. That the members of the present Board were "on the right track" but were not able to move the community.
4. That the letter of grant from the Fund for the Republic spoke of the responsibility of the Board members in meeting the terms of the grant.

Mr. Abram spoke of his conversation with Mr. Freeman and Mr. Loescher about the part he believed the Board would take and of his idea that the Board would grow to include more and more people who were responsible for the making of decisions in the South. Since this did not seem possible now - and mention was made of the number of people who had declined membership on the Board this year - then the group discussed best ways of using the present Board.

It was agreed that:

1. Some way should be found to encourage Board members to feel greater responsibility for both the program and financing of SRC, and in so far as possible, for their active participation in policy and program decisions.
2. Make full use of the wisdom and know-how of the Board members in advisory capacity.
3. Insure that Board members are informed on SRC activities by sending them information often and preferably in shortened form, but containing pertinent facts.
4. Try to get Board members to take responsibility for the organization in their states and try to fill Board vacancies with the help of the state organizations by having those leaders in the state group search out persons who are potential board members, educate them on SRC ahead of their election, and approaching them about serving before the actual time of election.

In a discussion of the Executive Committee as acting for the Board, meeting more often than the board and being better aware of the Council's work, it was agreed that even here there might be more close working together and more sharing of information. Dr. Mitchell said that he had brought before the Executive Committee all proposals for program and projects, and had reported on activities, asked approval for any major project, and had had no disposition to operate in circumvention of the committee or to withhold things from them. Again it was agreed that the Executive Committee should be encouraged to be more actively participating in the work of the Council.

Attention was called to the fact that at the last Board meeting there had been no proposal that the Board have any responsibility for the finances of the Council and that it seemed they might be asked to give normal financial aid.

What is the role of the staff?

In the matter of the role of the staff on program, Mr. Abram called attention to the tremendous role of the staff and paid tribute to the devotion of the staff through the past several years.

Dr. Mitchell's reply to a question as to how program of SRC is developed was that during former times program had been developed by his going into Harold's office or Harold coming into his for a chat of an hour or two on a proposal of either of them, that he then checked with any member of the staff who might know about the matter, and that, if it were something big, he laid it before the Executive Committee.

This question was then discussed under SectionIII - What are the functions of the central staff and how are the responsibilities for these functions distributed?

When asked for an example, Dr. Mitchell explained that Fred and C.H. were hired to travel around in the states, that they reported to him and that if he liked the idea it was OK, and if not he urged them to something else.

It was recognized that there needed to be flexibility in planning for use of time, that the duties had been increased since the decision, that the proposals made earlier by this group re liaison with Board and Executive Committee and a finance campaign would increase the work greatly, and that there had been definite expression by the Board of the need for more direction of the state organizations.

As to the question of whether the central office had sufficient staff to meet its needs, and whether the demands on staff had increased tremendously - Dr. Mitchell thought that demands had increased, but not so greatly that more professional staff was needed. He did think more clerical help was needed. Mr. Fleming said that in view of the proposed addition of two staff members to the information department, he felt that would be adequately covered. ~~Need was expressed for having C.H. Parrish to work full time rather than on a consultant basis, both to do a more adequate job of~~

~~counsel to the states and to demonstrate the Council's good faith in their pronouncements on bi-racial hiring.~~

Dr. Mitchell's idea on how program decisions are made in the central office was that certain staff were hired for certain duties - Fred and C.H. to work with the states, Grace to work with program and Harold with information - that they had much freedom in deciding their jobs but that final decisions were made by the executive director.

It was found that because of the necessary absence of the executive director and the consequent delay of action on administrative matters, there was need for some help in this area and Mr. Hamner said that he thought the Council needed a business administrator who would take care of routine administrative matters, thus leaving the executive director free to do the necessary travel, and to deal with high policy matters as they arose.

In the discussion of the relations of the central staff to the state organizations and how much direction should be given to them the following points were made:

1. Wide difference in the amount of responsibility taken by the Board members of the various states - some take job of fund raising, others leave that entirely to the state executive secretary.
2. Difference in the background and training and experience of the various state's professional staff.
3. Difference in the quality of leadership among the boards of the various states.
4. Difference as a result of these factors of what may be expected from the various states in way of achievement.
5. Necessity for evaluating each of the organizations realistically and working with them in terms of where they are.

When the question was put to the executive director as to what emphasis should be put on organizing the state groups and whether there was need for more effort from the central staff or more staff members for this work, Dr. Mitchell replied that he was ~~quite~~ satisfied with what was going on in the states, that he thought it ~~remarkable~~ commendable that they had been gotten going ~~at all~~ at such a rapid rate of activity. When he was asked what might be expected of

the people in the states and whether there was sufficient strength in numbers and quality to insure that they would do what they were asked to do he replied that in each case a small spark of flame had been fanned to life, the group had officers, had hired a secretary, opened an office and got going.

Under the matter of finance and its relation to program, both the finances of the central office and the state organizations were considered.

The By-Laws of the SRC having been altered to allow for the election of a treasurer from among the Council's members, it was recalled that no one had been persuaded to fill the position and that the persons delegated to find such a person were still working. Possible candidates were discussed and Mr. Abram was asked, in his capacity as member of the nominating committee, to approach Edward Vinson about serving as treasurer. ~~He was to report at the next meeting of the Executive Committee to be held in late February.~~

Discussion of various methods for raising money for the Council led to the suggestion that a fund-raising campaign might be set up which, either by a dinner or some such device, might bring in gifts from 15 to 20 persons able to contribute from each large city in the South, that attempts should be made to get these men to put the Council in their charity budget annually; that, in order not to endanger the Council's relationships with the state organizations, this campaign be put on jointly by the Council and the State Organization with each sharing according to an agreed plan, in the contributions. This was thought important in spite of the amount of work necessary to carry it out. It was also agreed that, while the Council might lose some contributions because of its stand on segregation, especially in Georgia, such feeling was not so strong in other states and those resources should be explored.

It was agreed that the Council needed more planning with regard to finance, that progress should be made toward getting a treasurer, and that plans for a finance committee should go ahead.

In the discussion of question 5 - What steps are being taken to meet the SRC's responsibilities in critical areas of the South like Clarendon County and Prince Edward

County, Va., opinions varied as to the value of the Council's doing anything in those areas since there had already been so much publicity and therefore more harm than good might be done. After discussion it was agreed that so far nothing had been done, that in the states where there is a going organization such matters are left to the state organization, and where there is no organization ~~nothing~~ little can be done.

Miss Wilkins pointed to this as another reason for the effectiveness of and need for a Southwide organization in addition to the state ones, saying that ways of work and possibilities of action by a southwide group would be different from those of a state organization and that, especially since the effectiveness of such state groups is limited by the leadership of that group, and such leadership varied greatly from state to state, there would be need for a southwide organization for a long time to come

Mr. Abram said that historically the Council's position had been one of promoting relationships between the races and that action had been taken only in rare cases of emergency.

Dr. Mitchell then brought before the group the matter of a shortage of funds available for the central office and their bearing on the continuation of Mrs. Hamilton on the staff. He said that, according to the budget approved by the Executive Committee at their meeting July 30, she was to continue through September, 1954, that she had been carried through December 1954 and that there were now no more funds available.

It was pointed out that the real problem was a shortage of income, that the budget of July had been based upon an expected income which had not as yet been raised and that the grants received from the Doris Duke and the expected one from the Field Foundation were made on a special project basis and were therefore not to be used for general budget spending. The secretary-treasurer explained that this shortage of income was affecting the total expenses of the Council and more money was needed to meet all the obligations.

Mr. Hamner suggested the possibility of getting certain people to underwrite the program with the provision that some plan be worked out and carried out to add funds during the coming months.

The group agreed that it was imperative that Mrs. Hamilton be carried on the staff and it was the concensus of the Board members present that some way must be found to finance this salary.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

1/20/55

TO: Mr. Philip Hammer

Please find enclosed Miss Stoney's record of the Program Planning Committee meeting held on January 8.

GTH

Also to - Miss Wilkins
Mrs Birnie
Dr. Richardson

1/20/55

TO: M. Abram

We sent to the members of the
Program Planning Committee
Miss Stoney's record of the
Meeting held January 8th.

GTH

January 26, 1955

Mr. Morris Abram
Healey Building
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Morris:

There are various small items in the draft of minutes of the Program Planning Committee Meeting of January 8th, at which my recollection differs from the minutes.

Mid-page 1. "regretted the absence of the Executive Director." True that the Executive Director had been out of town (presumably) at the time of some or all of the previous meetings, but it is also the case that he had not been told of nor asked to any previous meetings.

Mid-page 2. For whole business substitute whole purpose.

Page 4. Fifth line from the bottom, in my opinion, should read "unwise to 'even consider proposing such use of funds until after the central office had raised its allotted amount'."

Page 5. II, 7 and 8, should read: "it would defeat the cooperative arrangement originally intended. He thought," etc.

Page 6. 6th line from bottom, should read "Dr. Mitchell said that he had brought before the Executive Committee all proposals from program and projects, and had reported . . . ."

Page 7. Just below mid-page, should read"idea was OK, and if not he urged them to something else."

Delete at bottom of page beginning "Need was . . ." through words "bi-racial hiring" at top of next page.

Page 8. Bottom line, should read "gotten going at their present level of activity.

Next to last line, substitute commendable for remarkable.

Page 9. Line 8. Substitute recalled for <u>found</u>.

Delete last sentence in that paragraph, beginning "He was to report, through February."

Page 10. Line 5. Substitute little for <u>nothing</u>.

Eighth line from bottom, between not and been insert <u>as yet</u>.

We are all grateful to you and the others for effort and thought and time. These small corrections seem to me worth proposing for the sake of accuracy and conformity with general organizational purpose.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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cc: GTH
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HCF ✓
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February 10, 1955

TO: MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL
FROM: PROGRAM PLANNING COMMITTEE

There have been five meetings of the Program Planning Committee, appointed by the Executive Committee at its December meeting. In these meetings we have explored the Council's operations with the Executive Director and other members of the staff.

Before going further we would like the thinking of the Executive Committee on the attached questions. Please consider them before the February 17th meeting so that we may discuss them together at that time.

PROGRAM PLANNING COMMITTEE

Morris B. Abram, Chariman
Mrs. James Birnie
John A. Griffin
Philip G. Hammer
H.V. Richardson
Josephine Wilkins

Time and place of Executive Committee meeting:

Thursday, February 17, 10:00 a.m.
Bishops Conference Room
Fourth Floor
Wesley Memorial Bldg.

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1. In the opinion of the Executive Committee, what were the specific and binding ~~conditions~~ commitments implicit in the grant to the SRC from the Fund for the Republic?

2. ~~What was the impact of the Supreme Court's decision of May 17, on these conditions?~~

3. Are there critical situations in the South which ~~impose special obligations on to~~ SRC? broaden the obligations?

4. What is the responsibility of the Board in fulfilling ~~these conditions~~? The SRC's commitments implicit in the Fund's grant?

5. The individual responsibility of a Board member?

6. What is the responsibility of the Executive Committee, as the body empowered to act for the Board?

7. The individual responsibility of a member of the Executive Committee?

8. To what extent is the Board assuming its responsibilities?

9. To what extent is the Executive Committee assuming its responsibilities?

10. What information between meetings do the members of the Board need?

11. The members of the Executive Committee?

2. Did the S.C. decision of May 17 have significance for the S.R.C. in meeting these commitments?

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To: Program Planning Committee

From: Mrs. Grace T. Hamilton

FOR
YOUR
INFORMATION

Mr. Morris Abram
Healey Building
Atlanta, Georgia

March 4, 1955

Dear Morris:

I remind you of the undertaking about some further meetings of the Program Planning Committee.

Rather late in the meeting of the Executive Committee February 17th, a copy of the minutes of which will be sent you shortly, Marion Wright, as president, asked that the Program Planning Committee continue to meet and to produce a report. We all hope that it will be possible for that to happen.

The staff, and particularly Mrs. Hamilton, will be glad to work with you and other members of the Committee in any way that you may wish.

Sincerely,

/s/

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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Dictated by Dr. Mitchell/signed in his absence

cc:GTH

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3/9/55

Mailed 3/9/55 to
Griffin
Hammer
Richardson
Birnie
Wilkins

Elected
/Ex-Officio Board members

April 7, 1955

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FILE COPY

Dear:

The enclosed has gone out to the members of SRC's Board of Directors. It was not sent to members of SRC's Executive Committee, or to its officers, or to the chairmen of state organizations, or to ex-officio members of SRC's Board such as yourself elected by the state organizations, except as a matter of information.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

TO:

B. R. Brazeal
Nanie Belle Aycox
I. T. Sanders
C. G. Gomillion

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April 6, 1955

Dear:

For your information, this letter has been sent to all of the regular Board members who are not either members of the Executive Committee, or officers of the Council, or chairmen of state organizations, or ex-officio members of SRC's Board, elected by the state organizations.

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

An original of this letter to:

Morris Abram
Cassandra Maxwell Birnie
Paul Christopher
John A. Griffin
J. McDowell Richards
Harry V. Richardson
Maurice V. Shean
Josephine Wilkins
Marion A. Wright
Albert W. Dent
Gordon B. Hancock
Carter Wesley
Leonard Haas

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ROOM 432, 63 AUBURN AVEN

GEORGE S. MITCHELL,
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

A Council to attain, through research and action, the ideals and practices of equal opportunity for all peoples in the South.

Dear

The Southern Regional Council you remember under the terms of its present grant from the Fund for the Republic has to raise considerable sums of matching money. Thus far this year the staff has done pretty well. But we will be several thousand dollars short of the $40,000 we must raise (by September 30, 1955) unless we can find some new sources. A Finance Committee is being set up to do the long-range job.

Meanwhile, the Executive Committee of your Board, meeting February 17, 1955, resolved that each member of the Executive Committee should get or give a hundred dollars to the Council before September 30, and "we are asking the other members of the Board to join us."

'Tisn't immediate, but do make your calculations on raising or giving a hundred to the Council before September 30. Neither are you necessarily bound in such a matter by the action of the Executive Committee; if you don't want to you certainly don't have to! But the need is here, and we hope you can with several months notice find that much for the Council.

Sincerely,

Rufus E. Clement
Chairman
Executive Committee

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May 5, 1955

MEMORANDUM

TO: Program Planning Committee

FROM: Morris Abram, Chairman

The attached materials are sent for your consideration prior to a meeting of the Program Planning Committee which we hope it will be possible to hold before the Executive Committee meeting scheduled for May 26th.

Please indicate on the enclosed postal which of the evenings listed it would be possible for you to attend a meeting of the Program Committee. Check all which are possible.

John A Griffin
Philip G. Hammer
H.V. Richardson
Mrs. James Birnie
Miss Josephine Wilkins

DRAFT FOR PROGRAM COMMITTEE

REPORT OF THE PROGRAM PLANNING COMMITTEE -- SRC

The Program Planning Committee was appointed by the Executive Committee of the SRC in December. Five meetings, including an all-day session, were held prior to the meeting of the Executive Committee on February 17th. At these meetings the Council's operations were explored with the Executive Director and other members of the staff.

PURPOSE

It was agreed that the Committee's purpose was to develop recommendations for SRC's program in order that commitments inherent in its purpose and in grants for its support could be met.

It was agreed that the sweeping nature of the Supreme Court's decision had created a situation in the region which differed from that which prevailed in 1951 when the SRC's request for Ford Foundation support was made. The moderate elements of the white South, from whom the SRC hoped to build a wider base of support, were unprepared for the negation of the "separate and equal" principle by the Court. The twilight zone of this period is characterized by politicians' assurances that "there shall never be an end to segregation" and by silence for the most part of white Southern leadership heretofore vocal on behalf of equality under the separate system. It was agreed that the environment will be changed when decrees are issued.

COMMITMENTS

The commitments of the SRC as made to the Fund for the Republic were established as follows:

(1) The establishment of "race relations agencies in twelve Southern states" strengthened by professional staff and with partial subsidy for operating costs, with the expectation that these agencies will become self-supporting after three years of assistance (amount of grant for state organizations' first year's operation, $158,000).

(2) Maintaining the functions of the Central Office of the SRC as follows:

Overall program development evaluation and organizational administration.

Liaison with Board and Executive Committee.

Organization and assistance to State groups.

Information services including publication of New South.

Liaison with other organizations and agencies.

Fiscal management.

(3) Raising $40,000 for the support of SRC Central Office through enlarged Southern sources during the first grant period: $55,000 during the second year and $67,000 during the third.

STATE ORGANIZATIONS

It was agreed that communities in all Southern states stand in need of "a service," defined as "the SRC method for dealing with problems." This is essentially efforts to assure "communication" between citizens of both racial groups on a basis of equality in regard to matters of concern to the total community. It was agreed that the development of this service required clarification of the purpose and function of state groups; support and counsel of a responsible group of citizens of both races considering together on a basis of equality what is advisable and what is possible. It was agreed that the objective of "a mass membership organization" with fundraising as a first and isolated objective, and annual membership meetings as a primary way of work, could not provide the services needed. It was agreed that the concept of democratic functional groups focusing on specific problems was required, to replace the emphasis upon interracial association in general which was the characteristic of the Interracial Commission of an earlier date.

The necessity for interracial staff contacts from the SRC office to state groups, and the importance of Negro and white staff of equal professional status in state groups was emphasized. It was suggested that in recruiting lay leadership for the SRC at either the state or regional level, the approach of white persons to Negroes and Negroes to white persons might be the most useful technique, as one means of eliminating the "lingering paternalism."

CENTRAL OFFICE

Consideration was given to the adequacy of funds allocated to the Central Office in view of the changes in the regional climate following the Supreme Court's decision. It appeared to be unfeasible to request reconsideration of the allocations agreed upon as between Central Office operations and state organizations. It was recommended, however, that costs for travel required to organize and activate state groups was a legitimate charge against the account of state organizations.

It was agreed that the responsibilities of the Central Office required increased participation by the Board and Executive Committee. It was agreed that the provision for liaison with these groups was a prime responsibility of the Central Office. It was agreed that the extent of participation in policy determination, as well as in fundraising, would determine the extent to which the SRC's commitments could be met.

FUNDRAISING

The record of funds raised in recent years by the SRC and their sources were reviewed. It was recommended that a lay treasurer for the SRC be chosen, a Finance Committee organized, and plans developed for fundraising. It was recommended that any plan for solicitation within states be undertaken with the consent and cooperation of the state agencies and that a plan for sharing the proceeds be developed.

It was suggested that program planning for 1955-1956 should be limited by and based upon firm estimates of future income.

SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDATIONS

The developments within the region indicate that the SRC must continue to function outside of and without the support of "the power structure."

Recognition of this requires consideration of means to increase the distribution of SRC materials; consideration of effective use of media influencing public opinion; and the cultivation of relationships with groups public and private whose purposes relate to those of the SRC.

The conditions of the grant emphasize the necessity for increasing participation by members of the SRC Board and Executive Committee in policy formulation, program planning and fundraising. Development of the processes and channels through which this participation can occur meaningfully is the responsibility of the Central Office administration.

The binding conditions of the grant require consideration of all possible means during 1955 to strengthen the organization and program of the state agencies for which the great proportion of the funds were secured.

DRAFT

MEMORANDUM OF PROPOSALS FOR PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT OF STATE ORGANIZATIONS

For consideration by the Program Planning Committee, the Executive Committee and the Executive Director of SRC

From: Grace T. Hamilton, Assistant for Program Development

This memorandum is concerned with proposals for program development of state organizations, and is based on the commitment of the SRC made to the FFR that $158,000 of its initial grant to the SRC would be devoted to establishing and strengthening state race relations agencies in twelve Southern states. This effort was undertaken with the understanding that the state agencies would ~~attempt to~~ raise $1800 each towards a minimum operating budget of $15,000 per state. The understanding was that during the two succeeding years that the FFR would assist the SRC, the subsidy to state agencies would decrease and the self-support would increase. As shown below:

	Total Subsidy	Per State	To Raise per State
1st. yr.	$ 158,000	$ 13,200	$ 1,800
2nd. yr.	126,000	10,500	3,500
3rd. yr.	97,600	8,000	6,000
	$ 382,400		

All states were advised that salaries would be paid from the Central Office, in the interest of simplifying social security and withholding accounting. All states were advised that the total amount of subsidy permitted the employment of an executive director ($5000), half of an associate director's salary ($2500) and an office secretary's salary ($2500). In other words, the subsidy to states from the FFR provided in the first year $10,000 for salaries and $3200 towards operating costs. Each state was expected to secure the remaining $1800 needed towards a minimum operating budget of $5000 excluding salaries. It was suggested that states might increase their fund raising goal by $2500 in order to make possible the employment of a full-time associate.

By April 1955 steps towards establishing state agencies have been taken in all twelve states. Executive directors have been employed in nine of these, and

in the other three organizational procedures are looking towards the employment of staff and the development of a program of work. Of the professional staff employed, eight executive directors are white and one is Negro; one state has employed a half-time Negro associate, and one has devised a plan of work which uses a group of five white and five Negro highly qualified "consultants on a very part-time basis" to "establish communication across racial lines" in the school districts of the state.* Due to many circumstances the dates, when state agencies have been in an organizational condition which permitted the employment of staff, have varied.

The philosophy and background of state staff members is also varied. In many cases staff (executives) have been employed before the directing bodies (boards) were organized and prepared to assume policy-making program planning functions. As a result policy and program in many cases has been largely determined by the states' employed staff.

An evaluation of the present situation in state organizations suggests a major need for development of leadership -- both lay and professional. There is an obvious need for clearer concepts of the realities in the present situation, which affect race relations and a clearer understanding of advisable and possible functions of race relations agencies in the South during this period. (See Program Planning Report - Re: "State Organizations.")

On April 1, 1955, the end of half the first years grant period, there was an

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*From minutes of Annual Meeting SRC Board, November 10, 1954: RESOLVED that the Council in annual session hereby urge the several state organizations or committees which are affiliated with the Council to give careful and thoughtful consideration to the statement made by the Executive Director in his Memorandum Six of September 23, 1954 having to do with the matter of bi-racial staff for state organizations, believing that only by this means may the maximum be achieved both to effective development of program and formal support. The full text of the statement follows:

"We have recognized that the 'effective human relations service" which state organizations will be establishing in the months ahead requires

unexpended balance in the account for state agencies of the SRC in the amount of $123,800. According to the Secretary-Treasurer, the balance at the end of the grant period in the account for state organizations cannot be less than $69,000. There is considerable likelihood that a large unused balance designated for this part of the SRC program may be deducted from the amount of grant proposed for the second year's operation of state organizations.

It would seem to be advisable that all possible means be used to strengthen the program and organization of state agencies during the remainder of the first grant period. This is necessary not only because of the probable effect of a surplus on the grant for the second period, but also because of the lessened possibility of assistance to states from the Central Office during the second year.

The proposed allocation from the FFR for the second and third years operations of the Central Office andthe greatly enlarged responsibility for fund-raising on the part of the Central Office, for its work, would seem to lessen the ability to provide program assistance to state organizations by the Central Office (see below).

FFR Grant		Per Month	To Raise	Monthly Operating Cost Central Office First Quarter, 1955
1st. yr. (18 mos.)	$74,700	$4,150	$40,000	
2nd. yr.	24,000	2,000	55,000	
3rd. yr.	12,400	1,037	67,000	$ 7,111
	$111,100		$162,000	

The basis for these proposals is the obligation to use available resources designated for state organizations to develop agencies that will contribute bene-

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the assistance of both white and Negro professional staff members. This is necessary in order that the staff of state organizations provide evidence in their makeup of a working relationship of equals in behalf of the common welfare, and for perhaps the even more important reasons, that the insights of both Negro and white staff members are needed in the task of extending the areas of communication across racial lines throughout the state -- a basic purpose of our state organizations."

RESOLVED ALSO that the central staff is hereby requested to see that this policy is implemented on the regional level and to offer its assistance and encouragement towards its implementation on the state level.

ficially to the adjustments required by the Supreme Court's decree. This has been a large justification for the support of state organizations. Each proposal which follows has as its purpose to encourage the development of useful, "independent, self-sustaining" state race relations agencies.

PROPOSALS

I. Transfer to each state agency having an elected treasurer and chairman, the balance of its allocation for one full years operation, excluding amount reserved for salaries.

This would encourage the development of independent status; and might make possible increased program activity and fund raising, since it would be normal to expect certain expenses involved in "promotion and interpretation" to be larger in a first year of operation.

Officers of a state agency would be expected to submit an audited financial report at the end of the last half of the first grant period (before September 30, 1955) and it would be regarded as proper for any unused amounts to be carried over towards the second years operating budget of the state. This would mean that each state would be assured the $3200 toward a first year of operation over and above salaries.

The amount of the balance for "operating costs" of state agencies not yet distributed is $22,670.

II. Reserve $30,000 ($2500 per state) toward the salaries of associates. This with a like amount (already allocated for this purpose) during the second year of operation would make possible a full year's salary for an associate director in each state.

(The second year of subsidy of $10,500 per state will provide $500 towards the costs of operations other than salaries.)

Allow $10,000 towards associate executive salaries for the last three months of this years operation (July-August-September). This would enable every state to have a bi-racial professional staff of two people on a full-time basis for the last four months during 1955, and during the entire year of 1955-56.

III. Plan and arrange for a LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE for board and professional leadership from each state.

The conference would be concerned with THE FUNCTIONS OF VOLUNTARY STATE RACE RELATIONS AGENCIES IN THE SOUTH DURING THE TRANSITION PERIOD FOLLOWING THE SUPREME COURT'S DECREES.

Possible consultants: Irene Osborne, Harry Ashmore, Dr. Charles Johnson.

Costs would involve: Honoraria for leadership, travel and living for conference personnel, funds for at least one planning meeting. Conference directors supported by clerical assistance would be needed, and a conference report should be printed to be available for use by voluntary and professional personnel in the states following the conference.

Date suggested: Early to mid-July (allows time for adequate planning and scheduling of leadership). Decrees will probably have been issued.

Possible place: Mammoth Cave, Ky. - Blue Ridge Conference Grounds.

Estimated cost: $7000. (includes honoraria for conference directors and supplemented staff.)

There is a growing body of relevant information regarding community processes which are necessary to implement successful desegregation. It would be highly desirable for the lay and professional leadership of state agencies to be exposed to this material, and to have an opportunity to consider it in the light of the SRC purpose and the tasks of each state.

The conference might deal with the following questions:

(1) What are the dynamics of our society which influence and determine race relations?

(2) What are the needs? Which of these needs are ones which can be met by a voluntary state race relations agency in Southern states during the period of transition?

Since the planning and execution of such a leadership conference could not be carried by the central office staff of the SRC in addition to their present responsibility and commitments, it is suggested that:

(1) Conference directors outside of the SRC staff should be secured on an honoraria basis (one white, one Negro). The administrative responsibility for the preliminary work, the conference itself and the follow-up preparation of the report would be divided between these two directors.

(2) A "sponsoring committee" composed of twelve lay representatives from each state would be organized. There should be equal racial representation in this group.

(3) The estimated cost could be pro-rated to each state in order that full participation would be assured.

IV. STAFF WORKSHOP In the late summer or early fall a staff workshop of two or three weeks should be held. Experienced personnel, with skills and access to resources for developing professional leadership, are available at Atlanta University in the Department of Social Sciences and in the Professional School of Social Work.

The subject matter for consideration would be COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION FOR SCHOOL DESEGREGATION -- THE OBJECTIVE OF HUMAN RELATIONS AGENCIES IN THE SOUTHERN REGION. What is possible? How to begin. Supporting resources of other agencies -- organizations -- public -- private. The relation of fact-finding to social action. The realities of communication.

In order to make this workshop possible the following suggestions are made:

(1)Contract with Atlanta University for the conduct of the workshop.

(2) The sponsoring committee should be composed of a committee of twelve representing the employed professional staff of the state organization. (Bi-racial, each state represented.)

(3) The estimated cost would be pro-rated to each state to cover travel, tuition fees and living costs.

(4) The planning or steering committee could include representatives from the SRC Central Office staff and the faculties of the institutions involved.

(5) The city of Atlanta would be used and regarded as the laboratory for the workshop group during the period.

(6) The materials prepared for each state for use during and following the workshop would be of value in the following years work in each state.

Indirect values would accrue from the experiences of living together as a student body for the workshop period.

Time suggested: Early September.

Estimated cost: $5000.

V. Any program activity of the SRC which is conducted in states with the knowledge and cooperation of a state organization would tend to strengthen the influence of the state organization. It would seem to be consistent with the commitment to the FFR to designate $2000 ($200 per state) for meetings of church women in each state which to date has not held a meeting. In order for these funds to be available during 1955-56 (the second grant period) it would seem desirable for it to be allocated to the "Fellowship of the Concerned" account. This would enable planning for such meetings as it might be possible to arrange during the five remaining months of the first grant period.

The potential influence of the church in this period of transition is widely recognized -- and the SRC's channels for work with church women should be fully utilized.

VI. Proposals II, III and IV depend upon increased assistance to the Boards and Personnel Committees of state agencies by Dr. Parrish and Mr. Routh (Assistant Directors for State Organizations) in order that acceptance of bi-racial professional leadership may be developed; and in order that appropriate candidates may be secured; and in order that the Boards may become more representative and responsible integrated bodies. It is assumed that the budget of the Central Office can arrange for this extra staff assistance to be made available to the states which require it during the months of June, July and August.

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May 17, 1955

TO: Staff
FROM: Grace T. Hamilton

Mr. Abram has scheduled a meeting of the Program Planning Committee on Wednesday evening, May 18th, at 8:30 p.m., at Phil Hammer's residence.

I hope it will be possible for everyone to be present.

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MAY 9 1955

On the following evenings (from 8:00 to 10:00 P.m.) it would be possible for me to attend a meeting of the Program Planning Committee.

Monday, May 9 _____ Monday, May 16 ✓

Tuesday, May 10 _____ Tuesday, May 17 ✓

Thursday, May 12 _____

Signature HAMMER

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Thursday, May 12 _____

Signature Lawrence M. Brente

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Signature John A. Suffin

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MINUTES OF PROGRAM COMMITTEE OF SRC
Wednesday Evening, May 18, 1955

Attendance: Morris Abram (presiding)
Philip Hammer
Miss Josephine Wilkins
Mrs. Cassandra Maxwell Birnie

Staff: Harold Fleming
Mrs. Grace T. Hamilton
George S. Mitchell

The meeting began by considering the draft of the Report of the Program Committee. It was the concensus that the Report represented a summary of the Committee's appraisal of the situation and that the section entitled "Summary of Recommendations" should not be described as the Committee's recommendations. It was voted that the section headed "Summary of Recommendations" should be changed to read "Preliminary Appraisal." It was also voted that the following sentence should be added to the Report: "The above report represents the Program Committee's preliminary appraisal on the basis of its work to date (May 1955). However, there is considerable feeling on the part of the Committee that additional action program might profitably be undertaken by the Central Office. The Committee may present its recommendations to the Executive Committee for such program activity in the future."

The Committee then moved to consider the suggestions made by the Assistant for Program in the attached "Proposals for Program Development for State Organizations." Members of the Program Committee had received the copy of the letter from the Executive Director to the ExecutiveSecretary of the Fund for the Republic and it was noted that Proposals I, II and III were incorporated in the letter. There was some discussion about the advisability of requesting permission from the Fund for the Republic to use resources designated for the development of the Council's program but in view of the fact that the letter had been sent already it was agreed that it was more profitable to discuss ways in which the program of the state organizations could be strengthened through use of the remaining financial resources available. The discussion turned to the advisability of planning for a leadership conference and/or a staff workshop as described in Proposals IV and V. At this point the Executive Director arrived and expressed his preference for meetings in each state of SRC board members and volunteer and staff leadership of state organizations. He stated that he had become aware of the practical difficulties of arranging such conferences in the time remaining in this great period due to prior commitments which have been made by staff members who would be involved in the planning and execution of such meetings. Following discussion of the merits of both proposals it was agreed that both methods of leadership development (staff workshop and leadership meetings) were useful techniques. The Executive Director suggested that he would prefer planning for a staff workshop in late summer and the scheduling of three area meetings for the lay leadership of the Council and of state organizations, in the following months. Upon motion it was voted that the Committee would not make any report on recommendations at this time. The meeting adjourned at 11:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

(Mrs.) Grace T. Hamilton
Secretary for the Committee

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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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May 26, 1955

MEMORANDUM

TO: Executive Committee of the Southern Regional Council

FROM: Grace T. Hamilton, Assistant for Program

The attached report has been prepared as a means of summarizing my year's work with the Southern Regional Council. As some of you know I accepted the position as Associate Director of the Southern Regional Council on a leave of absence basis from the Atlanta Urban League with no definite period with the SRC agreed upon. In February 1955 the board of the Atlanta Urban Leabue defined the term of my leave as of a year's duration. So in June my present relationship to the Southern Regional Council will have to be terminated. I have expressed to the Executive Director my willingness to consider a part-time consultant relationship in the months ahead in the event such a relationship is deemed useful.

It has been a year full of interest and learning for me and I wish to assure the Executive Committee of my continued interest in the purposes of the Southern Regional Council.

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REPORT OF THE ASSISTANT FOR PROGRAM, SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL
June 1954 - June 1955

Basis for Program Development

The principle which has been regarded as fundamental by the Assistant for Program is that the purpose of the SRC requires a demonstration in its program, organizational structure, and administrative procedures of the objectives which the SRC is committed to help achieve throughout the region. Specifically, the purpose of the SRC requires continuous efforts to interpret the organization's goal as the progressive elimination of segregation, and to extend communication across racial lines as a means to this end. "Program" necessarily includes consideration of advisable and possible means to further this purpose, through efforts of the regional office and of affiliated state organizations. In these terms, efforts to secure community understanding and support of the school decision have been regarded as deserving high priority because of its significance and its impact on the region.

Program development has been regarded in the light of the accepted principles of social change; namely, that efforts should be directed toward changing behavior since development of new attitudes usually follows rather than preceeds changes in behavior. In practical terms, this means that SRC programs must be concerned with modifying the framework of institutions and groups rather than with diffused attempts to provide "interracial education" for people in the mass. Efforts to modify all institutions and groups which maintain and reinforce the segregated basis of society are therefore within the province of the SRC's program as defined by its purpose. "Program" according to this concept may conflict with and be jeopardized by simultaneous efforts to develop "self-sustaining organizations." It is likely that efforts to secure support will be limited by program designed to modify the institutions and groups from which support must be sought. Of more importance to the objectives of the SRC is the likelihood that program efforts will be limited by efforts to complete organizational structure and to secure organizational support.

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Responsibilities of the Assistant for Program

Responsibilities of the Assistant for Program have been interpreted as including:

(1) Efforts to develop channels for increased participation by SRC board members in the program development of the SRC Central Office and state organizations.

(2) Development of recommendations for Central Office staff structure for the expanded operation of the SRC made possible by the grant from the Fund for the Republic.

(3) Efforts to coordinate program proposals with financial resources of the organization.

(4) Efforts to initiate and distribute program proposals and materials to state organizations, designed to encourage a development of program related to the established purpose of the SRC.

(5) Consultative services to selected state organizations and related agencies with regard to objectives, structure, program development and personnel.

The outline which follows summarizes the year's work of the Assistant for Program under each of the five categories listed above:

(1) Development of channels for board participation.

(a) Suggestions resulting in the establishment of a Nominating Committee as a part of the continuous structure of the SRC.

(b) Suggestions resulting in the establishment of a Program Committee.

(2) Development of Central Office staff structure.

(a) The revised structure of staff in the Central Office was designed to:

Clarify the division of responsibility of professional staff and

Increase the possibility of racial integration in staff relationships to state organizations.

The revised staff structure provided four Assistant Directors as follows:

Assistant for Program (position formerly designated as Associate Director)
Assistant for Information
Two Assistants for State Organizations (one Negro, one white)

(3) Coordination of program proposals with financial resources (see Program Memoranda for Consideration by Program Committee, Executive Committee and Executive Director [May 1, 1955]). The Program Planning Committee has been regarded as the appropriate channel for the consideration of matters involving the relationship of finances to program.

(4) Development and distribution of program proposals and materials. The materials included in the attached exhibit have been prepared and/or made available to voluntary and professional personnel of the SRC state and regional groups.

(5) Consultative services to state organizations. Because there has been only part-time service by the Negro Assistant for State Organizations, the Assistant for Program has, upon request, been available during the

year for advisory services to the following state organizations:

North Carolina -- one meeting of Executive Committee.

Kentucky -- two meetings: orientation of consultants, and consultants and Executive Committee meeting.

Tennessee -- one meeting of Executive Committee, and advisory services through correspondence.

Louisiana -- one meeting of Program Planning Committee.

The Assistant for Program has participated in staff planning of meetings of church women and of state staff, and of New South content.

The related agencies have included: National Social Welfare Assembly, the Georgia League of Women Voters, the National Student Council of YWCA, the NAACP, the Urban League, and staff members related to other organizations who participated in the Conference on Segregation at Fisk University and the Civil Liberties Clearing House Conference in Washington.

In Summary

The effectiveness of the SRC will largely depend upon:

(1) An increase in responsible participation at all levels of the organization by a racially integrated leadership, both voluntary and professional. This responsible participation should be reflected in both policy-making and in administration.

(2) An increased understanding by the leadership of the organization, both voluntary and professional, of the implications of the SRC's goal and of practical means to further its achievement through use of resources available to the organization.

Consideration of these requirements is the continuing responsibility of the organization's Board, committees and staff. Specific questions for considerations by these groups are the following:

(1) How can a racially integrated regional staff with shared responsibility in policy-making, program development and administration be provided? How can racially integrated state staffs be assured? Such staff is "needed in the task of extending communication across racial lines." This is necessary and relevant if the SRC is to make effective contribution to the adjustments involved in the progressive elimination of segregation.

(2) How can understanding be furthered among the SRC state organizations' personnel, both voluntary and professional, of their most effective roles in the present period? (See Proposals III, IV and V in "Proposals for the Development of Program of State Organizations.")

(3) How can the selection and development of program projects by the Central Office be more closely related to the abilities and resources of the organization?

(4) How can we assist state organizations to carry on effective program activities and meet the requirement for achieving "self-sustaining, independent status" during the period of assistance? How can a desirable balance between these two competing objectives be achieved?

(5) How can the Central Office increase its effectiveness by implementing in its program the principle that institutions and groups maintaining segregation must be changed if an integrated society is to be achieved?

(6) To what extend would the financial resources of the SRC be influenced by these considerations? What implications have the considerations for employed personnel?

If exploration of these and related questions are undertaken, I shall be glad to make available any information and suggestions of mine as may be helpful.

Respectfully submitted,

(Mrs.) Grace T. Hamilton
Assistant for Program

5/26/55
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August 9, 1955.

Dr. Mozell L. Hill
911 Whittier Hall
Teachers College
Columbia S.C.

Dear Mozell:

Just got your letter this morning, and I am hastening to quiet your fears that I would be "stampeded" into unwise experimentation. Actually, I suppose that the only "wild-eyed" person around here is me.

Briefly, the underlying reason for the meeting is this: Dr. Mitchell has been concerned about his inability to secure an integrated staff and this summer asked me to work on the problem. I expressed to him my belief that adequate staffing could not be achieved on a full time basis. The Council has entirely too temporary a character to expect these qualified people to leave good jobs in order to accept staff positions with us. Therefore, I conceived the idea of attempting to secure a number of consultants on a part time basis.

The meeting has therefore double purpose: (1) to invite people of broad experience to whom the whole question of servicing the Southern region would be put for free, informal discussion; (2) to call together qualified persons who might later be hired to render such consultant services, provided, of course, the necessary funds become available.

You can see then that the narrow focus of attention will do much to prevent the consideration of "wild-eyed" schemes. Written invitations have been sent only to executive committee members and to out of town guests. Staff and local people have been invited orally.

I will be out of the city when you get back, but expect to return by August 19, when we can have a long talk about the results of the meeting.

Sincerely,

C. H. Parrish
Assistant Director

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Memo . . . FROM THE DESK OF

. . . . HAROLD C. FLEMING . . . .

August 23, 1955.

TO : George S. Mitchell and Staff

Frank Loescher called Monday, August 22. He was still looking for concrete examples of the state organizations' work. From what I heard at Mammoth Cave, plus several copies of state newsletters on my desk, I was able to give him a few things which he seemed to find useful. He said he would send us a copy of whatever report he finally prepared.

He reiterated his very strong doubts that anything would come of our request for additional funds. From what he said, I judge that the problem now is within the staff itself and that he sees little prospects of our training proposal having staff endorsment when it goes before the Board. I urged him to continue his ~~approach~~ efforts and he said he would try again.

Loescher also put in a favorable word for Donald Wyatt who apparently has been approached by C.H. about the possibility of some staff connection (undetermined) with SRC. Loescher says Wyatt is an outstanding man whom we would be fortunate to get.

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Dear Board Member:

Here is some report for the months of January, February, and March, 1955.

TRAVEL AND SPEECHMAKING

Mrs. Tilly has worked with church women groups in Alabama, Mississippi, Georgia, and Florida. And she plans in the coming months to follow up the meeting the church women had by further work with her friends in their own areas.

Mrs. Hamilton represented the Council at a meeting of the National Civil Liberties Clearing House in Washington on March 17th and 18th.

Harold Fleming, among other trips, represented SRC at a planning meeting for the Aaronsburg Assembly in Pennsylwania.

Fred Routh in his rounds as organizational director, has been much called upon for policy advice, public and private.

C. H. Parrish helped with meetings in Virginia, Tennessee, Kentucky, Florida, and Arkansas.

George Mitchell travelled too much: Two or three times to Richmond in getting the Virginia Council on Human Relations started, and once each to Alabama and Florida for meetings of their Councils; to Detroit to preach at a Congregational church; to Washington for an NAACP Youth Legislative Conference; to Cincinnati for an annual banquet of its Urban League, to Chicago for meetings of school teachers and of the Council Against Discrimination, and for sessions with the chapters there and at Milwaukee of the American Jewish Committee; to Terre Haute to talk at St. Mary-of-the-Woods College; to Norfolk for an annual meeting of the Women's Interracial Committee; to Petersburg for a session with the local chapter of the Virginia Teachers Association; a fund-raising stop at a central Indiana city with speechmaking and incidentals; a talk at Miami to the King of Clubs; another at Louisville before a session of the Southern Police Institute; others before church groups in Sylacauga and Alexander City, Alabama. In Atlanta, a classroom talk or two at a local college and an appearance before a Georgia Tech faculty group would complete the list.

CHURCH WOMEN TO ATLANTA

Mrs. M. E. Tilly, in charge of women's work for SRC, invited into Atlanta for a two-day gathering February 24th and 25th, a conference of church women from the Southeast, meeting as the Fellowship of the Concerned.

The meeting was made possible by a grant of $1,000 to the Council from the John Hay Whitney Foundation.

The women who came in included 14 Southern Presbyterians, 19 Methodists, 7 Baptists, 4 Episcopalians, and scattered numbers of various other religious bodies. In all, every denomination in the South was represented, and also Catholic and Jewish faiths. Some came as from the state councils of church women, or as from the National Council of Churches, or from the YWCA. Eight or ten Negro church women were included among the group. A good proportion of the ladies were oppressed by the reluctance of ordinary middle class townspeople in their areas to discuss reasonably compliance with the Supreme Court's decision. But quite a number had arranged local church-sponsored discussion meetings at which the subject had been opened and plans had been made for ultimate compliance. Much of the meeting went into formulating clear, truthful, and reasonable answers to the twisted and fear-laden arguments which the women found current in their communities.

It was a good example of the way in which Southern people, religiously motivated, can plan together to get religion more deeply into the life of the South. Some few of the women will have got less than they hoped for from the meeting; but the great majority were pleased with the opportunity to exchange facts, ideas, and encouragement. By and large the note of the meeting was that quiet effort to bring the truth to the fore would succeed.

ATLANTA OFFICE - SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL

We have added to our information staff Mr. John Constable, Jr., who will assist Harold Fleming. Otherwise the central office remains as in our last account.

The Program Planning Committee from the Executive Committee of the Southern Regional Council has met periodically during the last several months with various staff members, and most phases of the Council's program have been reviewed and subject to comment and criticism. The Program Planning Committee reported to a meeting of the Executive Committee February 17th. Both the staff and the Executive Committee have found the reviews helpful, and they will continue.

The meeting of the Executive Committee authorized consideration of New Orleans as the place for the next November's annual meeting of the Board of SRC.

Incidentally, the Board has been strengthened in recent months by acceptances of membership on it received from Mr. Hollis Rinehart, an attorney in Miami, Florida; and also, previously unreported, Mr. Philip Hammer, a planning consultant, Atlanta, Georgia.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

The February meeting of the Executive Committee bestirred itself about the election of a Finance Committee. In subsequent events, Mr. Morton Weiss of Atlanta agreed to serve as Treasurer of the Council, and a number of people in this and other cities are being officially asked to serve on a Finance Committee. And a couple of leading editors in Southern cities have agreed to get in touch with suitable local citizens and ask them for contributions to the Council. In addition, the members of the Executive Committee undertook contributions of $100 apiece, and the recommendation is being made on behalf of the Executive Committee to all the Board members of the Council to contribute similarly. These are not great moves in themselves, but they indicate a firmer purpose to proceed with the task before us.

COMPANY

Visitors from abroad again. Listed because we are hoping to get some help in the matter of getting them informed.

Akira Iwai, Director, Planning Department, Japan National Railway Workers Union, Yokohama, Japan. Sponsored by the U. S. Department of Labor.

Yojiro Kurokawa, President, Central Executive Committee, Japan National Railway, Locomotive Engineers Union, Tokyo Japan. Sponsored by the U. S. Department of Labor.

Manjiro Mokumoto, President, Central Executive Committee, All Japan Express Workers Union, Tokyo, Japan. Sponsored by the U. S. Department of Labor.

Chuzi Koreeda, Chief, Organization Department, Japan Federation of Synthetic Chemical Workers Union, Hokkaido, Japan. Sponsored by the U. S. Department of Labor.

Jinsuke Mitsumura, Vice President, All Japan (Postal) Communication Workers Union, Tokyo, Japan. Sponsored by the U. S. Department of Labor.

Gensaku Sugiyama, Chief, Planning Division, Central Executive Committee All Telephone and Telegraph Workers Union, Tokyo, Japan. Sponsored by the U. D. Department of Labor.

Michael Adams, England. Journalist, British Broadcasting Corporation.

Clyde Sanger, Guildford, England. Journalist.

Andrew Bonar-Law, Fowey, Cornwall, England. British Army

S. Tas, Paris, France, Journalist.

Nicholas Chatelain, Paris, France. Correspondent for "Le Figaro."

Olaf Radkie, Attorney, Metalworkers Union, Frankfurt, Germany. Sponsored by State Department, Labor Exchange Program.

Werner Meyer, Editor, Fraekische Presse, Baureuth, Germany. Sponsored by the Governmental Affairs Institute.

Wilhelm Riepekohl, Neurnberg, Germany. Chief Editor of Fraenkische Tagespost. Sponsored by Governmental Affairs Instite.

R. H. Hafferkorn, 9 Eichendorffstrausse, Speyer 1 RHW. Germany, German Foreign Service Officer. Referred by the British Consulate in Atlanta.

Mrs. Hedwig Meermann, Moehringerstrasse 88, Tuttlingen, Germany. Member of State Committee of Social Democratic Women, a free lance journalist, and lecturer at the Tuttlingen Adult Education Center. Sponsored by the Governmental Affairs Institute.

Jean Bertrand, Chief, Division of Plans supplementing Social Security, French Department of Labor. Sponsored by Foreign Operations Administration, Washington, D. C.

Bernadette Faure, Division Chief of the Association of Metallurgy and Mines. Sponsored by Foreign Operations Administration, Washington, D. C.

Michel Cordeviola, Regional Inspector for Enforcement of Social Laws in Agriculture. Sponsored by Foreign Operations Administration.

Remy Moreau, Chief of the Methods Department of the "Phenix Vie" Insurance Co., 33 rue Lafayette, Paris. Sponsored by Foreign Operations Administration.

Andre Lienard, Actuary, Chief of the Group Insurance Department and Director of the Benefit Plan of "La Sequanaise" Insurance Company, 4 rue Jules Lefebvre, Paris 7 eme. Sponsored by Foreign Operations Administration.

STATES

Here is a rundown on the twelve.

Alabama

Had a good big once-a-year meeting February 8th at Montgomery. Total of 240 people there, and were more widely representative of the state than in any previous such meeting. Elected new officers. Chairman now Reverend Duncan Hunter, First Methodist Church, Alexander City. The Executive Secretary has been keeping a close watch on the Alabama upshoots of the white "Citizens' Councils." Dr. James Pierce, Professor of Sociology at Alabama State College, Montgomery, is serving as "consultant."

Arkansas

The Arkansas Council on Human Relations, after a careful screening of nine candidates, has employed as its Executive Director, effective April 15th, Mr. Nat Griswold, formerly field representative of the American Friends Service Committee, and as its half-time Associate Executive Director, Mr. Christopher Mercer, an attorney. They will open an office at Little Rock.

Florida

The Florida Council for Human Relations in the course of recent meetings has chosen a new set of volunteer officers. The new president is Dr. Paul F. Finner, 930 West Park Street, Tallahassee. Florida is actively seeking staff and should employ it within a short while.

Georgia

Mr. Wells, the Director, has continued to be greatly in demand as a speaker before local civic groups, interracial committees, and school and college assemblies.

Kentucky

The business about using consultants scattered over the state instead of loading their expenditures on to a single central office staff seems to work. The consultants have been doing things in more than twenty counties. The appropriate committee of the Kentucky Council on Human Relations has been working with school officials in the Louisville area and elsewhere on problems of desegregation.

Louisiana

The New Orleans group from the Louisiana Council met March 13th, with convincing evidence of purpose and skill. The problem is to extend the organization over the rest of the state. Apparently the next few months will go mainly into that effort.

Mississippi

Met some weeks in Jackson for their annual gathering. Reelected Rabbi Mantinband of Hattiesburg as chairman. Mrs. M. S. Lyells has been employed as Executive Director. An office has been opened in Jackson. Papers are moving along toward incorporation of the Mississippi Council on Human Relations under the Mississippi Statutes.

North Carolina

North Carolina is getting ready for its annual meeting April 26th at Raleigh. Dr. W. H. Brown of North Carolina College (Durham) is serving as "consultant." Trying to get local committees going over the state.

South Carolina

Most of the time has gone into knitting up friendships and understandings with state and local organizations such as AAUW, Leagues of women voters, PTAs, councils of church women, education associations, and school people.

Tennessee

The Council group in this state some weeks ago chose someone to be the principal staff person, but this office did not approve the selection. Partly in consequence, the Tennessee Council is shifting to the Kentucky plan, proposing to use a high-type clerical person in their central office, and the services of consultants widely spaced over the state. That probably fits the Tennessee situation better than the previous plan. It has the additional merit of requiring a sounder degree of preliminary organization before the Tennessee Council on Human Relations launches itself.

Texas

Met at Austin in late February with goodish attendance, drawn from widely scattered parts of the state, and representing religious, labor, education, and community groups. They have asked the Hogg Foundation, which specializes in matters of mental health, to inquire into the relationship of segregation and discrimination to problems of mental well-being.

Virginia

The Virginia Council on Human Relations was launched as an organization at a meeting in Richmond February 22nd. Thirty-some people of considerable distinction and representative of a wide variety of interest in the state had by that date agreed to be members of the small body which the Virginia Council will be. A clergyman at Staunton, Reverend W. Carroll Brooke, was chosen as temporary chairman, and committees were appointed to prepare by-laws, to nominate officers, and to select employed staff.

Dates of Staffing

All of which is to say that in each of twelve states in which we undertook to get going a statewide race relations agency, such an agency has been launched. The dates of their taking on paid staff will be of interest:

Arkansas - April 15, 1955
Alabama - October 1, 1954
Georgia - June 1, 1954
Kentucky - December 1, 1954*
Louisiana - June 1, 1954
Mississippi - January 1, 1955
North Carolina - October 1, 1954
South Carolina - October 1, 1954
Texas - November 1, 1954

*Arbitrary date!

That leaves Florida, Tennessee, and Virginia still unstaffed. Florida has picked its Executive. The others will come along in the next few weeks, and are better left to proceed soundly at their own pace.

Money-raising by the States

The states which got going with paid staff October 1, 1954, are required to raise on their own $1800 before September 30, 1955. Those which began later, smaller goals pro rata month for month.

As of March 31st, here are the approximate figures:

Organization	Goal	Amount Raised
Alabama Council on Human Relations	$1800	$ 811.80
Georgia Committee on Interracial Cooperation	1800	2,513.00
Kentucky Council on Human Relations	1500	182.00
Mississippi Council on Human Relations	1350	243.00
Louisiana Council on Human Relations	1800	970.00
North Carolina Council on Human Relations	1800	315.00
South Carolina Council on Human Relations	1800	1,008.50
Texas Commission on Race Relations	1650	1,100.00*
Tennessee Council on Human Relations	750	--

*Informal report

	Goal	Amount Raised
Arkansas Council on Human Relations	$ 825	--
Florida Council on Human Relations	750	--
Virginia Council on Human Relations	750	--

The four states which have raised **nothing** had not on March 31st employed staff.

For most of the states, considering that these first months have gone mainly into building their organizational lines, the results so far are encouraging and promise success in the matter of raising the amounts required in this first period of SNC aid. We do not by any means judge the program usefulness of a state council by its success in raising funds, but it is a matter to which we are required to be attentive.

CENTRAL OFFICE FINANCES

Miss Stoney's report, as Secretary-Treasurer, is attached.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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Encl.

Emory University, Georgia
April 15, 1955

Dr. George S. Mitchell
Executive Director
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Sir:

An examination has been made of the books and records of the Southern Regional Council, Inc. for the period January 1, 1955 to March 31, 1955.

The following Exhibits and Schedules together with comments, comprise this report:

Exhibit A -	Balance Sheet, March 31, 1955
Exhibit B -	Statement of Receipts and Disbursements, Central Office
Exhibit C -	Statement of Receipts and Disbursements, State Organizations
Schedule 1 -	Bank Reconciliation - First National Bank, March 31, 1955
Schedule 2 -	Bank Reconciliation - Citizens Trust Company, March 31, 1955

COMMENTS

Cash In Bank - Central Office - $5,352.64
Cash In Bank - State Organizations - $4,259.06

All recorded receipts were traced to bank deposits and disbursements were compared with cancelled checks. Bank balances at March 31 were confirmed by correspondence with depositories. Schedules 1 and 2 contain details of the reconciliation of the two accounts.

Savings Accounts - $155,000.00

Savings certificates amounting to $60,000.00 were verified. Savings accounts amounting to $95,000.00 were confirmed by depository banks. Of the above amounts, $35,000.00 belongs to the Central Office and $120,000.00 to State Organizations.

Inventory - Pamphlets - $250.00

This amount represents pamphlets on hand at March 31, 1955 at cost.

Accrued Payroll Taxes - $1,658.84

This consists of Income Taxes withheld and Social Security taxes for March, 1955 for both the Central Office and State Organizations.

Accounts Payable - $1,444.15

These represent current operating expenses for March, which were paid in April.

Due to Special Projects - $1,020.86

The amounts shown in detail belong to the three groups specified on Exhibit A.

Advance Appropriation - $106,700.00

The advance from the Fund for the Republic covers operations for the next six months.

Surplus - $54,034.76

The substantial increase since December 31, 1954 is caused by an excess of the allocated amount for this quarter from the Fund for the Republic grant over the amount disbursed to State Organizations.

Exhibit C indicates that eight state organizations are set up with staff and three are in the process of organization.

In our opinion, the attached statements fairly reflect the financial condition at March 31, 1955, and results of operations for the three months ended March 31, 1955 of the Southern Regional Council, Inc.

Respectfully,

L E Campbell

L. E. Campbell, C.P.A.

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SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC.
Atlanta, Georgia
Balance Sheet
March 31, 1955

ASSETS

Cash In Bank - (Sch. 1)	$ 5,352.64	
Cash In Bank - State Organizations (Sch.2)	4,259.06	
Savings Accounts	155,000.00	
Inventory - Pamphlets	250.00	
		$ 164,861.70

LIABILITIES

Accrued Payroll Taxes		$ 1,658.84	
Accounts Payable		1,444.15	
Due to Special Projects:			
Commission on Equal Penalties	$341.07		
Fellowship of the Concerned	579.79		
State Divisions	100.00	1,020.86	
Georgia Sales Tax		3.09	
Advance Appropriation:			
Fund for the Republic		106,700.00	
Total Liabilities			$ 110,826.94
Surplus, March 31, 1955			$ 54,034.76

Exhibit A

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC.
Atlanta, Georgia

Statement of Receipts and Disbursements - Central Office
January 1, 1955 to March 31, 1955

RECEIPTS

Balance, January 1, 1955		$ 46,435.78
Contributions:		
Individuals	$ 995.00	
Organizations	1,600.00	
Churches	1,345.00	
Foundations	7,850.00	
Members Dues	26.00	
New South Subscriptions	972.50	
Interest Income	536.33	
Sale of Literature	1,486.64	
For State Divisions	28.00	
Honoraria	410.00	
Total Receipts		15,249.47
		$ 61,685.25

DISBURSEMENTS

Salaries Paid	$ 13,373.98	
Rent	315.00	
Travel	1,657.56	
Printing	2,333.97	
Telephone & Telegraph	309.68	
Postage	639.26	
OAB Taxes	240.61	
Georgia Sales Tax	4.54	
Bank charges	1.35	
Accounting Fees	90.00	
Books & Magazines	287.06	
Paid to State Divisions	13.00	
Executive Committee Meeting	224.99	
Office Equipment	401.51	
Office Supplies	281.37	
Miscellaneous	21.28	
1954 Accounts Payable	502.47	
Consultants' Fees	525.00	
Special Services	109.98	
Total Disbursements		21,332.61
Balance, March 31, 1955		$ 40,352.64

Represented by:

First National Bank - checking	$ 5,352.64
C & S Bank of Atlanta - savings	35,000.00
	$ 40,352.64

Exhibit B

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC.
Atlanta, Georgia

Statement of Receipts and Disbursements - State Organizations

January 1, 1955 to March 31, 1955

Receipts - Amounts Raised by Various State Organizations for their Local Use**

	Contributions	Members Dues	Sale of literature	Misc.	Total
Alabama	$ 134.80	$ 666.00	$ 90.60	$27.10	$918.50
Georgia	660.00	433.00			1093.00
Kentucky		100.00	18.40		118.40
Louisiana	450.00	417.00			867.00
Mississippi	54.00	189.00			243.00
North Carolina	100.00	156.00			256.00
South Carolina	420.49	435.50			855.99
Texas	No report				
Totals	$1819.29	$2396.50	$109.00	$27.10	$4351.89

**Taken from monthly reports of State Organizations

Disbursements - Amounts Disbursed to State Organizations from Fund for the Republic Grant

	Salaries	Local Expenses	Travel	Total
Alabama	$1,899.98	$ 500.00		$ 2,399.98
Florida			$407.58	407.58
Georgia	975.00			975.00
Kentucky	2,420.00	1,500.00		3,920.00
Louisiana	1,849.98	400.00		2,249.98
Mississippi	1,249.98	300.00		1,549.98
North Carolina	1,854.17	400.00		2,254.17
South Carolina	1,749.98	488.67		2,238.65
Tennessee		88.25	213.71	301.96
Texas	975.00	500.00		1,475.00
Virginia			513.78	513.78
	$12,974.09	$4,176.92	$1,135.07	$18,286.08
OAB Taxes				168.71
				$ 18,454.79

Exhibit C

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC.
Atlanta, Georgia

Bank Reconciliation Statement - First National Bank, Atlanta, Ga.

March 31, 1955

Balance, per bank statement		$7,290.64
Deduct outstanding checks		
Number	Amount	
6578	$ 10.00	
6589	3.00	
6590	10.00	
6637	4.00	
6666	2.50	
6672	2.97	
6683	4.31	
6686	354.54	
6687	247.73	
6688	155.25	
6689	116.32	
6690	226.65	
6691	237.73	
6692	177.26	
6693	104.80	
6696	104.72	
6697	20.58	
6698	28.80	
6699	25.84	
6701	96.00	
6702	5.00	1,938.00
Balance, per books, March 31, 1955		$ 5,352.64

Schedule 1

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC.
Atlanta, Georgia

Bank Reconciliation Statement - Citizens Trust Co., Atlanta, Ga.
March 31, 1955

Balance, per bank statement, March 31, 1955		$ 6,761.69
Deduct checks outstanding:		
Number	Amount	
1746	$ 3.50	
1754	15.00	
1759	177.26	
1777	25.49	
1785	26.44	
1786	177.26	
1787	84.80	
1788	177.26	
1789	93.19	
1790	104.80	
1791	120.00	
1792	177.26	
1793	84.80	
1794	172.26	
1796	89.80	
1797	177.26	
1798	204.16	
1799	102.09	
1800	50.00	
1801	440.00	
		$2,502.63
Balance, per books, March 31, 1955		$ 4,259.06

Schedule 2

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ROOM 432, 63 AUBURN AVENU

GEORGE S. MITCHELL,
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

July 27, 1955

A Council to attain, through research and action, the ideals and practices of equal opportunity for all peoples in the South.

Dear Board Member:

This quarter is April, May and June of 1955. It has been a busy period with the Supreme Court's final decrees in it and with our state groups going from the organizational stage into program.

STATE MEETINGS OF CHURCH WOMEN

During the quarter Mrs. Tilly carried through with state-wide meetings of church women, white and Negro, in Georgia, Alabama, and Louisiana. These were meetings of forty to sixty people in each state. The Alabama one was said to have been the first occasion when church women of both races had been together. That meeting had present significant leadership from the Christian Life Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention.

The Louisiana meeting brought over from Fayetteville, Arkansas, someone particularly well informed about the integrated high school in that town. These church women in all the meetings were courageous and of the best purposes, and were eager to be informed as to ways in which to achieve peaceful compliance with the Supreme Court's decision.

Other such state meetings of church women are planned by Mrs. Tilly for the coming Fall and Winter months.

CENTRAL OFFICE PERSONNEL INTO THE FIELD

C. H. Parrish and Frederick B. Routh were in nearly all of the states in the course of the quarter, and Harold Fleming and Mrs. Hamilton reached several.

Mr. Parrish, on special invitation, attended the Atlantic City Convention of the NAACP to advise on problems of implementation.

George Mitchell talked around at more occasions than was wise; but the opportunities to get the Council's point of view before the groups involved were tempting. Among them were a meeting of two Southern regions of the National Council of Negro Women, a meeting of the Associated Church Press, a public forum in Virginia, the National Association of Jeanes Teachers, the Executive Board meeting of the American Jewish Committee, a community-wide workshop on the Court's decision in Nashville, Tennessee, the National Conference of Social Work in San Francisco, and leadership training schools for the CIO in the Southeast and for the A. F. of L. in Kentucky.

INFORMATION SERVICES

New South, during the quarter, has interpreted the far-reaching legal developments affecting school and recreational segregation, and has published a comprehensive treatment of racial integration in professional baseball within the South. Each issue has contained one or more articles aimed specifically to stimulate and guide community action. Southern precedents for constructive local action have been promptly picked up and described in the pages of New South. Copies of each issue are mailed to those private and public leaders in the region who should have a particular concern with the subject matter. For example, the baseball issue was mailed to appropriate league and team officials and elicited interested reactions from several of them.

Within a few hours of the Supreme Court's ruling of May 31st, a statement went out to the press from the Council's president. Excerpts were widely used by the wire services and radio and television newscasters.

Following the implementation ruling, the central office was called upon by newspapermen for its usual function of interpreting and backgrounding the new development. The opportunity to reach public opinion through this means is considerable, since those consulting us include correspondents of the wire services, the major news magazines, and such national bellwethers as the New York Times and the Christian Science Monitor.

ORGANIZATION IN THE STATES

Eleven of the twelve states we now consider organized and going. Tennessee began with staff and program in June. Virginia began to pay its staff July 1. The one remaining state not yet staffed is Florida.

We append to this report an accurate list of the employed state professional staff and their office addresses. Another document is a current list of the membership of the Board of Directors of the Southern Regional Council. A third is a list of the SRC Executive Committee members.

State by-laws have been approved by this office for Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, and Tennessee. They are known to have been drafted for the other states, (Georgia, South Carolina, Texas, and Virginia), and we are asking these states to get in their final by-laws for approval.

TOWARD MORE ASSOCIATE DIRECTORS

In agreement with officers of the Fund for the Republic, we have forecast a situation for the coming fiscal year in which it will be possible for each of the states to employ a full-time Associate Director, and this plan was got out to all the states. Arkansas has already made an arrangement for its former half-time Associate Director to become full-time July 1st.

Tennessee and Kentucky will be little affected because of their even-steven arrangement about consultants. Virginia is already using a half-time associate director who, presumably, would not be available on a full-time basis. The other states are actively singling out appropriate persons to be associate directors. We expect that this plan will greatly strengthen the usefulness of the state organizations.

TWO TRAINING OCCASIONS

The state professional staffs have been brought together twice during the quarter. First at a two-day meeting at Camp New Hope in central North Carolina June 1, 2, and 3, and again at the Race Relations Institute at Fisk University June 27-July 9.

The North Carolina gathering gave an opportunity for each state to describe its intended program and the relationships in effect in the states between staff and boards of directors. These reports were critically examined by members of the central office staff, and in general sessions and in private conferences many agreements were made as to changes to be brought into being. An additional feature of the North Carolina meeting was the opportunity for the group to sit for a couple of hours with W. W. Alexander, who headed the former Commission on Interracial Cooperation from 1919 through 1943, and who talked most helpfully. The staff persons present were greatly strengthened by the understanding he gave them of the long roots a movement of this kind has in the South.

The Race Relations Institute at Fisk is now in its tenth year, and is a smoothly running conference, bringing in a rich succession of leadership people in intergroup relations. Some twenty of the members of the state staffs of SRC, including three or four board members from the states, were present, nearly all of them for the whole two weeks. Residing on the Fisk campus and taking their meals in the University commons, a great deal of opportunity was afforded for the staff people to broaden their understanding of the problems before them, and to exchange experiences and proposals in organization and program. Various members of the central office staff were present at times during the Fisk gathering, and the meeting was a substantial contribution to the training of state staff people.

INTERESTING DEVELOPMENT ON THE SCHOOL DESEGREGATION MATTER

Within the last two or three weeks a pattern has emerged which promises to spread rapidly in Southern communities. Local school boards are calling upon nominated citizens committees for advice as to means of complying with the Supreme Court's decision. These committees are by design drawn from persons of both races. Doubtless they will prove useful in bringing the school boards and public opinion in general around to action. Most important, they afford an opportunity for white and Negro persons in a spirit of equality to agree upon the policy and details involved.

It is just this ingredient of free consultation which has been lacking in nearly all Southern communities. The governor of North Carolina has recommended that all local communities in the state impanel local committees of this kind. Officially and unofficially local school boards have already been in conference of this kind in Tennessee, Virginia, Arkansas, and Oklahoma. One of the things urged on our state staff people at the Fisk gathering was that they further this movement in all communities in their various states.

PLEASING SMALL EVENT

Came into the office four Negro Congregational ministers and a white associate. Trouble at Wadley, Alabama. The college had announced months ago that it would be open to Negro students. None have as yet come. But there had been a ripple of excitement locally at that time.

June 20th. Some thirty-five Negro persons, many of them officials of the Congregational Church nationally, in the course of a tour of church installations had reached Southern Union College and had been quartered variously about for a night's stay and conference. One part of the quartering had offended local sympathies, and a smallish crowd of white toughs had gathered in the evening and demanded that the Negro group leave town within half an hour. The college attempted to reach the governor and the sheriff without success. Talked to the mayor and were rebuffed. As no protection was available, and as the college is well outside of a minute hamlet in notably difficult country, decision was taken that the delegation would leave, though at an hour markedly later than the appointed deadline. The group had come on to a stated meeting in Atlanta and were concerned here to devise suitable corrective action. One among their number brought them to SRC's office.

We suggested a plan under which Bob Hughes, SRC's state man at Montgomery, Alabama, would go to the town, collect the story in detail, and arrange for a conference in the Governor's office, of those concerned, with a view to getting the governor to make it plain to Wadley officialdom that Negro rights would be protected in the area.

It was left that if the delegation desired service of this kind, they would request it on return of one of their number to Birmingham next day.

Precautionarily, we called Hughes in Montgomery to apprise him of the matter. When we got to his office, the young lady in the office said, "I am sorry, Mr. Hughes is not here; he has gone to Wadley; there is some trouble up there at a college."

Subsequent news is that Hughes got in the mayor and other leading citizens of Wadley and set up a Wadley Council on Human Relations. The mayor has said that people's rights would be respected, and the governor has undertaken similarly. It seems assured that on the next visit of the delegation matters will go smoothly.

FRANK LOESCHER'S VISIT

In accordance with our invitation when we arranged the North Carolina gathering, Frank Loescher came down from the Fund for the Republic and was present for the whole meeting. Subsequently he visited the Atlanta office,and in his travels talked with staff and some board people variously in Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi, Arkansas, Louisiana, Texas, and North Carolina. So Frank Loescher will have a fresh appraisal of the program matters in the central office and in the representative groups in the states.

MORE TRAINING NEEDED

We can see coming up as a major need for the coming fiscal year more teaching of state staff and state board people on ways of getting their programs accomplished. The press of change in the last year has coincided with our problem of getting the state movements organized, and immature state groups are having to wrestle with situations which would try to the utmost the skill of experienced bodies. We think the matter can be amended by rapid training of state people in the specialty skills involved.

STATE NOTES

Alabama has permanent officers for four of its district organizations. Membership is now in excess of 300. A state newsletter goes out to all members. Special work has been done with ministerial associations in towns where relationships have been particularly strained.

The staff in Arkansas is scattering usefully over the state reaching a considerable variety of local bodies and, in a number of instances, is directly advising local and state school officials.

Georgia continues, as heretofore, with a program of enlightening citizens groups.

Kentucky has entered a year-end spurt in organization, and with a new temporary executive director is working hard on membership and fund-raising. The consultants are being actively used by local school officials and citizens groups. In the county surrounding Louisville, the Kentucky body has encouragement toward getting a single suburban community to desegregate the schools voluntarily in September, 1955.

In Louisiana the director has carried through a series of radio programs on good human relations, and is building locality organizations.

The staff in Mississippi has put in some helpful appearances with Negro PTA's and teacher's groups, and is seeking out those people in the state who are willing to assist in upholding the Supreme Court's decision.

In North Carolina the state Council, in a public statement, asked for the wisdom of leadership in the state in countering Mr. Bryant Bowles, of the National Association for the Advancement of White People, who had held a meeting in Charlotte. Work is being considered on a pilot project for desegregation in the mountain counties. The state organization has received clearance from the North Carolina Department of Welfare for a fund-raising effort, and is bringing in new members and new resources.

South Carolina has increased and strengthened its board, has chosen a new chairman, and is working actively with a policy committee of the board.

Tennessee has employed an office manager, stationed at Chattanooga, and has selected ten consultants -- five white and five Negro. They have been active already in seven counties, working with school superintendents. The State Board of Education has given a green light to local communities toward desegregation. A workshop has been held and sound procedures are felt to be underway.

In re Texas, a principal event was a conference at Fisk between two of the members of the Board of the Texas Commission on Race Relations and the Executive Director of the Texas group with the Executive Director of SRC. Such weaknesses as had appeared, both in the Board and in the staff, in the Texas body were explored and careful plans were made for amendment.

Virginia is just getting started staff-wise, but has good staff and good prospects.

Florida is still seeking suitable professional staff, but members of the board are being called in for aid on particular situations.

FINANCES

Miss Stoney's report, as Secretary-Treasurer, is attached.

The Atlanta office has moderately surpassed its fund-raising requirement for the first eighteen months ($40,000). We will be pressed to meet our commitments in the final months of the year, but expect to get through.

Miss Stoney has made time in recent weeks to travel out to the Alabama and South Carolina offices for careful instruction of the clerical staff in reporting and other procedures. She has similarly worked with the Georgia and Tennessee offices.

STAFF CHANGES

Mrs. Grace Towns Hamilton, Assistant Director for Program, is returning shortly to her former position as Executive Secretary of the Atlanta Urban League.

Katherine Stoney, our Secretary-Treasurer, will leave us July 15th. Her successor has not yet been formally selected, but arrangements are being made for the interim staffing of the position of Secretary-Treasurer.

We have been assisted clerically in the summer months by members of the Internes in Industry Project of the American Friends Service Committee, now at Morehouse College in Atlanta.

The information staff has added Mr. John Constable as Editorial Assistant.

Mr. C. H. Parrish, Assistant Director for State Organizations, ordinarily stationed at Louisville, Kentucky, and serving on a per diem basis, is in the central office for the months of June and July full-time.

FOREIGN VISITORS

For the record:

Felix V. Makasiar - Judge, District Court, Professor of Law and Director of the Foreign Affairs Association of the Philippines.

Stig Lundgren - Organizational Secretary, Social Democratic Labor Party, Sweden. Sponsored by the International Exchange Project, New York.

Jaipaul - Public Relations Officer for the Congress Party, Indian Parliament, India. Governmental Affairs Institute, Washington, D. C.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilhelm Kaeber - Mr. Kaeber is floor leader of the Social Democratic Party in the State Legislature of Schleswig-Holstein, Germany. Sponsored by the Governmental Affairs Institute, Washington, D. C.

John Kernan - Missionary, South Africa.

Kenneth Lamb - Lecturer, London, England

O. F. Raum - Professor, Native College, Capehart, South Africa

K. B. Anderson - Principal of a Folk School, Denmark.

John S. Grant - Forest Ranger, Scotland.

Rolf-Gutbrod - Professor of Architecture, Germany.

D'Arco Silvio Avalle - Professor, Milano, Italy. Sponsored by the John Hay Whitney Foundation.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Clark - Montreal Star, Canada.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND BOARD

The Executive Committee met helpfully on May 26th, reviewing with unusual care the policies and program of the agency. A special meeting of the Executive Committee will be held in August at Mammoth Cave, Kentucky, where it is expected that the meeting can continue for two or three days and go still further in linking the Committee to policy. Tentative agreement has been reached that the Board will convene next Autumn, for the first time not in Atlanta, but in Tuskegee, Alabama.

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Encls: List of Employed state professional staff
List of Board members of SRC
List of Executive Committee of SRC
SRC Finance Report (April 1 - June 30, 1955)

Southern [redacted] ll, Inc.
63 AUBURN [redacted] 3, GEORGIA

October 13, 1955

Dear Board Member

Your comments, criticisms, and suggestions for program are cordially invited; either to me or to Marion Wright at Linville Falls, North Carolina.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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Encl.

QUARTERLY REPORT

July, August, September, 1955

Enlisting Other Support

At this turn in events, some speechmaking by SRC staff is unavoidable. One or the other of us has serviced quite a number of church gatherings; human relations institutes; and labor leadership training meetings.

The church groups were meetings of Methodist women at Kansas City; of the Northern Presbyterians in New York; and the various Southern church groups with which Mrs. Tilly has worked closely. The institutes included that at Fisk University, one at Ann Arbor, Michigan, one at New York University, and one at Toledo. For the labor movement, a week was spent with a select group from the A. F. of L. in the Southwestern states (Fayetteville, Arkansas), and a week at Charlottesville, Virginia, for the Southeastern group. Mitchell used an A. F. of L. School in Arizona as his vacation. The last of all the labor groups was in mid-September for the CIO leadership of the upper South, meeting at Junaluska.

Fred Routh, who is the regional chairman for the National Association of Intergroup Relations Officials, and therefore is a member of its Board, attended NAIRO's Board meeting while on his vacation. He also participated at a meeting of the Executive Secretaries of the Southern states' Negro Teacher Associations held in Nashville.

Just plain speeches would include one for the Atlanta University Summer School, and another for the alumni of Tuskegee Institute.

Sale of Literature

In this quarterly period, we took a considerable plunge and reprinted 5,000 copies of Changing Patterns in the New South. We had already sold out a first printing of 5,000. We are making strong efforts to get the new availability of Changing Patterns known, and at the time of writing it is moving out at its standard 50¢ in good volume.

Answers for Action, of which we have printed altogether 31,000, is now down to 600 on our shelves and is still moving.

These have been our two current items, and except for much older things we have little in stock, except for the currently appearing issues of New South.

As we have paid entirely in this fiscal year for the second printing of Changing Patterns, whatever comes in next year on selling the remaining 4,000 or so will be net gain to our budget.

Changes in the Information Program

Staff. During recent weeks, we have completed the information staff contemplated within the terms of a special grant from the Doris Duke Foundation. Miss Florence Irving of Raleigh, North Carolina, has been employed as Research Assistant, and is currently perfecting our collection of information and reference materials. Improvement in the sorting and analysis of this running record of Southern developments will assist us internally as well as in our dealings with the press and other persons and groups needing the facts.

Distribution of Materials. During the last quarter we have given selective distribution to several useful books and pamphlets. Fifty copies of The Strange Career of Jim Crow, furnished by the Fund for the Republic, were distributed to key persons in our state organizations. A comparable number of copies of Morroe Berger's Equality by Statute, made available by the American Jewish Committee, were sent to state attorneys general and other appropriate individuals. Additional copies of The Negro and the Schools and Schools in Transition were supplied to the state affiliates for program use. Three thousand copies of the summary report "Desegregation in the Baltimore City Schools" are in the process of distribution through the same channels, as are several hundred copies of the Report of the Fund for the Republic. In addition to its routine circulation, each issue of New South is circulated to a selected list of public officials and private individuals who should be especially interested in the particular subject treated.

Work With the Press. In the last three months, the information staff has given special assistance to various newspaper and magazine writers. We were able in this way to get our point of view incorporated into feature stories and articles reaching a mass audience within the South and beyond. Most notable were two lengthy articles circulated by Associated Press Newsfeatures and printed by newspapers throughout the country. Incidentally, the text of an excellent statement by William Faulkner, supplied to the writer by us, was thus given wide and helpful publicity.

Mrs. Tilly's Work With Church Women

Led a week's Workshop on Human Relations at a School of Missions at Emory University. Taught a course on Human Relations at two Youth Camps. Spoke to the Missionary Union at the Morningside Baptist Church, and another group (same church) at a Wednesday evening prayer meeting. Also spoke to a Sunday school class at Decatur Baptist Church.

Prepared the material and directed a two-day's Retreat for United Church Women of Georgia on "Spiritual Foundations for Social Action." Participated in two seminars for Methodist women, leading discussion on "The Things That Belong to Peace" -- one of these in Atlanta and the other in north Georgia. At the latter 41 towns and communities were represented.

Prepared the material and guided a two-day's workshop on human relations for Church Women of Florida -- 65 state leaders present from 21 towns -- representing twelve branches of the Church.

Spent a day in Alabama, planning follow-up meetings of the Spring meeting of the "Fellowship of the Concerned."

Executive Committee

The one meeting of the Executive Committee in this quarter departed widely from all previous ones. The Committee drew off to Mammoth Cave, Kentucky, where they hoped for full attendance and a meeting stretching over parts of three days, allowing time for the unheard-of luxury of full discussion. For mechanical reasons, related to our budget, the meeting had to be at an awkward time in late August, and in the end only a bare quorum got there. But, having more time paid off handsomely. The Committee had available the careful planning report which Mrs. Hamilton had made in her period of service as Assistant Director for Program. Full analysis and discussion of her report opened many administrative and program issues. From one point of view, the main achievement of the meeting was putting into shape our screed to the Fund for the Republic for continuance of aid in the fiscal year, beginning October 1, 1955. But many possible avenues of aid in the general situation in the South were soundly discussed. In the end, the Committee resolved to continue giving more time to discharge of its responsibilities. They liked the arrangement for meeting away from the central office, and called for a schedule of such meetings at a variety of points over the South.

New Administrative Assistant

A persistent recommendation on the staffing of the central office has been the employment of an administrative assistant to have charge of budgets and fiscal analysis for the central office, and for the reports coming in from the states. He will be expected to provide answers, in the absence of the Executive Director, to a variety of administrative questions. The Executive Committee, at the Mammoth Cave meeting, was at pains to prepare for the filling of this position by October 1, 1955. The man selected is Mr. G. S. Alexander, of Columbus, Georgia. He was a former Bursar at Morehouse College, and has had interesting and not dissimilar administrative experience. In the loss of Miss Katherine Stoney, it is expected that Mr. Alexander can pick up some portion of the administrative load which Miss Stoney so ably carried.

Other Personnel Changes

Mrs. Ruth House Alexander has succeeded Miss Katherine Stoney as acting Secretary-Treasurer.

Miss Florence Irving has come on to the staff as Research Assistant. She is a Raleigh lady, with degrees from Spelman and the University of Chicago, and a variety of interesting jobs to her credit.

Two new secretaries are Miss Yvonne Southall and Mrs. Ruby Hamilton.

State Notes

Florida employed staff August 15th. The Executive Director is Mr. William K. Williams. A graduate of the Human Relations Department at the University of Miami, and a Methodist minister. The Associate Director is Mr. Howard D. Roberts of Jacksonville, who has had good training in the field of social work (M. A. - Atlanta University). They have opened an office at Daytona Beach.

Alabama has built up a membership in excess of 300 and continues to strengthen its district organizations. It now circulates a newsletter to its members.

Arkansas now uses the services of a full-time Executive Director and a full-time Associate Director. They helped in the Hoxie situation.

Georgia has just employed as half-time Associate Director, Dr. Mozell Hill of the Sociology Department at Atlanta University. In addition, they will use the services of three part-time consultants at scattered places in the state.

Kentucky's temporary use of a full-time Executive Director worked out well. They built up membership, brought in funds, and continue to work serviceably to the state through their consultants.

The Executive Director of the Louisiana Council on Human Relations has been ill, but notwithstanding his illness, organization and program have proceeded, particularly in the New Orleans area.

Mississippi has 175 members -- raised their funds -- integrated staff -- added Mrs. James Burt as Associate Director.

North Carolina is working on forming new local councils -- consulting with local ministerial associations.

South Carolina has a new state chairman, Mr. Claude Evans of Columbia, the editor of a church paper, The Methodist Advocate. They have also taken on an Associate Director, Mr. J. T. McCain, at Columbia. Have 275 members.

Tennessee continues with remarkable success its program of county visits by consultants.

Texas now has integrated staff -- added Mr. Kenneth Holbert, Negro attorney, as Associate Director. Working to expose White Citizens Councils.

Virginia has an appealing plan for sending local school board members on tours of areas where integration has succeeded, and they are seeking independent funds for that purpose. Good staff, pleasant office in Richmond, good Board, a promising effort.

A Push Toward Implementation

The staff and various members of the Executive Committee have done a lot of thinking during the Summer months on ways to speed acceptance of the Supreme Court's decision. We concluded broadly that our application to the Ford Foundation for assistance in setting up twelve state organizations (an application originally made in 1951) had been made in time for the state organizations to get soundly going before the period of implementation would be upon them. Though we were in the end helped by the Fund for the Republic (and quite generously), the aid did not become available to us in the central office until April, 1954, and in most of the states was not effectively available until October, 1954. Some few of the states got going in October, and others trailed along in picking up paid staff until dates well along in 1955. So that the local machinery available to the Southern Regional Council is in most places new and quite naturally is much concerned with its own problems of organization and finances. Thus events have telescoped into a single period of time the double task in the states of organizing to get the work done, and of doing the work.

Most of the states have shown magnificent effort and ingenuity in accomplishing portions of each task. Our own effort has been to find ways to help them do even more of the implementation job. We concluded that about the best contribution we could make would be to bring to bear on the state staffs and on the state boards the careful and informed thinking of a handful of trained persons in social science, who might serve as consultants to the central office of the Southern Regional Council, assignable out to make arranged-for contacts in the various states. Toward shaping up a program of this kind, Mr. Parrish, as Assistant Director for State Organizations, convened at Atlanta University early in August, a notable dozen of such possible consultants in a

two-day meeting where program and possibilities of the Southern Regional Council were laid before the group, and suggestions and criticisms were invited as to the best use to make of the machinery available. Incisive criticism was laid on the Board. Constructive proposals came forward in appreciated measure. Those of us on the staff who sat through the meetings were greatly cheered at their end to understand the rich resources in knowledge and experience and judgment that could be brought to bear on this major Southern matter.

And we went out from the meeting resolved to try to find a way to bring that competence to bear.

The result was that we added to our normal application to the Fund for the Republic for the second installment of covenanted grant, a request for an additional $30,000 to enable us to carry through with this program. Unfortunately, the request for the additional sum has not succeeded, and the staff is searching currently for other possibilities for financing what seems a most promising contribution toward knowledgeably done public school integration.

The Close of a Fiscal Year

September 30 marks the end of the first eighteen months grant period of assistance from the Fund for the Republic. Mrs. Alexander's report, as Secretary-Treasurer, comes forward in detail. Meanwhile, it can be pointed out that the Southern Regional Council was required to raise independently of the Fund for the Republic in this first grant period $40,000, and has actually raised $47,000.

In the coming grant period of twelve months, we must put together $55,000 on our own. It will need the earnest support of our Board members to enable this to succeed.

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GEORGE S. MITCHELL,
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

A Council to attain, through research and action, the ideals and practices of equal opportunity for all peoples in the South.

January 6, 1956

Dear Board Member:

For some time we have sent out to you each quarter a general report on the Council's work. Here is the report for the three months ending December 31, 1955.

We need the help of your wishes on program and on the way the Council is operated. Letters to me or to Marion Wright at Linville Fall, N. C. will be deeply welcomed.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell

George S. Mitchell,
Executive Director

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QUARTERLY REPORT
October, November, December, 1955

Hither and Thither

The quarter had a bit less than the usual amount of outside speechmaking and visiting. For labor groups, George Mitchell talked to an A.F. of L. school on a Saturday in Miami, and to a CIO-organized Nashville conference on labor and segregation. For Church bodies, he met with the Women's Society of Christian Service of the Methodist Church (meeting nationally) at New York, and later on at the Southwest sub-meeting, at Fort Worth; for the Presbyterian Women from the South; attended a National Conference at Cleveland on the Churches and Social Welfare; and talked to the men's club at an Atlanta suburban Church. In the College line, he spent some hours with a touring group of Colgate students, at Georgia Tech; met with a religious interest Club at the University of Georgia; talked at Agnes Scott College; and appeared for a Human Relations Institute at Spring Hill College, in Mobile.

Fred Routh made trips out to Texas, Louisiana, Alabama, Florida, and North Carolina. His travels these days involve unravelling complicated matters; it seems much more difficult to keep an organization going in a balanced way than to set one up again.

He went to Milwaukee to the meeting of the National Association of Intergroup Relations Officials, and came back a full member of its Board, as well as a be-praised speech-maker.

Attacks Redoubled

October was a month in which our cordial disliker, Mr. Roy Harris, of Augusta, warmed up his anger, and poured out abuse of SRC again, as he had done a year before. Mr. Harris has permitted himself to be convinced by so-called "researchers" that SRC is the descendant of the former Southern Conference for Human Welfare (which lived noisily 1938-49); whereas SRC was set up in 1944 in obvious difference from the SCHW approach. Mr. Harris began beating this and related abusive drums, and on one occasion did a typical Georgia trick: published in his paper our SRC office 'phone number. Promptly we had a rash of Kluxy calls, wishing to know if we had a "mixed" staff (which we owned); and loudly denouncing us for a bunch of reds. I recorded three such calls, and others in the office had more. 'Twas not long after that the Honorable Attorney General of Georgia, one Eugene Cook, in a speech to the Georgia Peace Officers' Association, denounced the NAACP in convolute terms, and included SRC and the Georgia Interracial Committee in his abuse, as being fronts, though it was never clear whether we were said to be fronting for the NAACP or for the Communist Party. We in the office took a good deal of time to circularize our friends with answers to this rigamarole, and various of us have systematically arranged interviews with people of importance in the public opinion of the State: editors, bishops, legislators, and so on. Silly, but it shows that we draw some blood. More ominously,

it foreshadows, we suppose, a time-consuming attack on us in the session of the Georgia legislature which comes in January, 1956. It is illegal under Georgia law to agitate subversively, and we suppose that the Legislature, while plotting subversion of the Constitution and the Courts of the land will give a while to witch-hunting SRC for subversion- though the worst that can be truthfully said against us is that we oppose certain cherished parts of Georgia "tradition."

Mr. Harris' efforts include this complimentary paragraph:

> "The Council's research staff and those who prepare the propaganda are highly skilled, well educated people who are armed with huge sums of money to effectuate the programs in Georgia and other Southern states. Their work is well under way and excellently coordinated."
> Augusta Courier, August 31, 1955.

Informational Activities

Busy time. Fleming & Co. had Mr. Eugene Cook to answer, some public relations strategy to plan out anent the attacks, new staff to bring in on the intake-of-information end (Doris Duke Foundation grant), and an unusual burst of requests for round-ups of practices over the South. On this latter, there was a matter of the interracial citizen's committees advising local school boards, what other cities had done about opening golf courses and other recreational facilties to Negroes, what the churches have been saying, and listing of the various people (hereabouts called "displaced persons") who have been done out of teaching or preaching or other jobs because of standing up for law and order and the Courts of the land. The informational staff also organized small housing conference for the Committee on Race and Housing; helped with advice of a film-script dealing with school desegregation in St. Louis; did an article for the ANNALS on resistance movements in the South; and talked endlessly with in-dropping newspaper and magazine writers, exploring this or that aspect of the South.

The new young lady collecting information went to Durham to see the Librarian of Duke University and meet various of his technicians, in order to make certain that SRC's overflowing collection of Southern pamphlet and clipping material, when, as, and if it ultimately gets stowed away, shall fit into the filing system of a going Library. She is a Negro young lady, and we shyly suspect that the Librarian was not displeased to have this opportunity to introduce to his staff the thin edge of the wedge of desegregation!

New South grows pleasantly in circulation and impact. It is close to 4000 by now, and we begin to think in terms of ten thousand within a year.

The Board and the Committee

The Executive Committee met in October, and the Board in November. Superficially, perhaps, they were unexciting meetings, but the Committee followed its new pattern of meeting during two days, and going into policy with far greater care than heretofore. And the Board, while hurried a bit, met in pleasant circumstances at Tuskegee (first time ever away from Atlanta), looked carefully at State organizations and at central policy, heard the complaints of our detractors, elected able new people to join them, and at long last, moved ahead positively with a Finance Committee of the Board. This is to be named up from the twelve States, so that there will be maximum coordination in raising money for this central office with the simultaneous effort in and for each of the State groups.

NAIRO to Our Help

The November annual meeting of the National Association of Intergroup Relations Officials, in a resolution, said:

> "Particularly reprehensible are attempts by certain state government leaders, organizations like the 'white' citizens' councils, and the recent efforts of a national newspaper chain to smear responsible, widely respected organizations like the Southern Regional Council, NAACP, and the Fund for the Republic which have supported lawful and orderly methods to bring about the desegregation of the public schools."

Foreign Visitors

We use this spot to keep the record:

P. Gurnam Singh Gill, Chief Clerk, Malayan Road Transport Co., Seremban, N.S., Malaya. Sponsored by the International Labor Affairs, Department of Labor, Washington, D.C.

Mr. Douglas Jay, M.P., Journalist, London, England. Sponsored by Governmental Affairs Institute, Washington, D.C.

P.C.W. Gutkind, Sociologist-Anthropologist, Uganda, East Africa. Sponsored by United Nations, New York, New York.

Sven Oste, Newspaper man, Stockholm, Sweden.

Jai Deva Prasad, M.L.C., Member Bihar Legislative Council, Patna-4, Bihar, India. Sponsored by Governmental Affairs Institute, Washington, D.C.

Kind of Thing This Office Does

YMCA man from N.Y. office called. The dickens is loose because the University of Mississippi months ago invited one Rev. Alvin Kershaw to come and speak during Religious Emphasis week, and Kershaw subsequently turns up as the $32,000 jazz-king parson, who said he was going to give some of his winnings to the NAACP. And the Mississippi legislature is up on its ear and says January 3 it will pass a resolution forbidding so reprehensible a man any entry into the Commonwealth of Mississippi, and the University is making brave noises but is scared, and others are dithery. Please come to Cincinnati for a day's meeting and advise what to do. Went, and said when Br'er Tarrypin for good cause had Br'er Fox by the toe, Br'er Tarrypin helt on, and so should Kershaw.

In late October, a national agency, in convention, had instructed its Atlanta office to query SRC on resolutions appropriate to certain Mississippi violence. We advised.

A South Carolina minister, caught in the toils of opposition to his stand on the matters of race, came over for conferences on procedure and his future. Conferred, and advised, and helped him plan.

A PTA Vice-chairman from a Virginia city writes in. Could get his people to move, a little, if had suitable speaker from a PTA where integration has proceded. How could he get. We communicated with our Virginia affiliate, which advised him.

Advised at length representatives of a major religious denomination, planning a conference at Norfolk, Va., on the stand they should take on desegregation.

The Program Chairman of the National Student Association, who was planning a Southwide student conference for Easter, 1956, on desegregation, needed help. Gave same.

The President's Committee on Government Contracts put out a good summary Newsletter (No. 4). Arranged to have copies reach each SRC affiliate, for that issue and for future issues.

STATES AT WORK

ALABAMA	Advising with Governor's staff re: appointment of an interracial study committee. Publishing good news letter monthly. District meetings being held regularly. Employed half-time Associate Director, Mr. Fred Grey, Attorney. Approved increased budget will raise $5,375.
ARKANSAS	Work with Hoxie continues. Contacts made with school people in several areas of state. Irene Osborne did excellent job with Little Rock group and representatives from across the state.
FLORIDA	Staff traveled over the state making contacts with key people, both old and new. Cooperating with state United Church Women. Held meetings at Rollins College, Orlando, Hollywood, and West Palm Beach. Conferred with leaders of Dade County Council on Human Relations.
GEORGIA	Helped lead fight to prevent teachers who belong to NAACP from losing their teaching licenses. Added Dr. Mozell Hill as Associate Director on half-time basis. Working with "locals" workshop planned in Macon. Called on Governor to appoint State Interracial Committee.
KENTUCKY	Consultant program proceeding. Irene Osborne did great job in Louisville: public meeting, conference with superintendent and key school people, conference with key community people. Seeking new Executive Director to replace Dr. Brimm who returns to graduate studies.
LOUISIANA	New officers elected. New Chairwoman from Lake Charles; reaching out into state for new strength. Creating new advisory group in New Orleans should greatly strengthen state organization.
MISSISSIPPI	New officers elected. New Chairwoman strong Methodist leader, prestige person, worker. Added half-time Associate Director (making two thus employed). Board seeking to strengthen itself.
NORTH CAROLINA	Wrote all superintendents for information on study committees. Sent all Superintendents and study committee chairmen integration materials on D.C., Baltimore, St. Louis, and Answers for Action. Added Associate Director - well known Negro educator.
SOUTH CAROLINA	Keeping close watch on Citizens' Councils and economic pressures. Contacts made with several school superintendents. Seeking to set up a "local" in Columbia; good outlook. Rev. Pritchett of our group publicly charged "Forces are at work to shackle the pulpits of S.C."

TENNESSEE Seeking to reorganize and strengthen Board. Irene Osborne participated in well-attended workshop in Chattanooga. Work with local school people proceeding.

The Chairman elicited this letter from the State School Authorities:

State of Tennessee
Department of Education
Office of Commissioner
Nashville 3

Mr. F. Woods Beckham, Chairman,
TENNESSEE COUNCIL ON HUMAN RELATIONS,
420 Jackson Building,
Chattanooga 2, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Beckham:

I have your letter of October 18, 1955, in regard to the position of the State Department of Education in distributing school funds to local school systems which should make plans or take action to carry out the decision of the Supreme Court in regard to segregation.

As you state in your letter, the Supreme Court of the United States and the State government have said it is the responsibility of local school boards to carry out the Supreme Court decision. The Federal District Court, with Judge Marion Boyd presiding, ruled last Monday that the constitution and statutes of the State of Tennessee prohibiting desegregation were no longer in effect. In view of this decision, I know of no reason why the State Department of Education would not distribute state funds to such school systems on the same basis as at the present time.

I should point out that there is no assurance that litigation might not result. I think you realize that there is a strong possibility there would be litigation to prevent the payment of such funds.

Sincerely yours,

(signed)
Quill E. Cope
Commissioner

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TEXAS — Appointed new advisory committee, greatly strengthening Board with new blood. Employed Associate Director, young, well known Negro attorney. Out to raise large budget. Work in Dallas-Fort Worth on increase.

VIRGINIA — Doing splendid job of offering alternative plan to the people. Calling for step-by-step integration. Attending public hearings re: the future of the schools. Giving information and counsel to those opposing giving away the schools.

The Church Women

Mrs. Tilly ran a workshop for the United Church Women of Georgia; went up to the Cleveland meeting of the Church Women (using the occasion to line up meetings of her ladies for Texas, South Carolina, Louisiana and Florida). She led four seminars for four different Church groups in Georgia; taught a course for ministers' wives at the Methodist (and Negro) Seminary in Atlanta; travelled four days in Mississippi, and two in Alabama; worked with others for a regional meeting of the Methodist women coming up next month; and variously spoke to Baptists, to grammar sdhools, community groups, and Councils of Jewish Women, mostly on the Supreme Court decision.

Toward More Program for the States

In the formal request to the Fund for the Republic last August a tentative plan for program development in the various states was presented. The plan called for the use of highly trained social scientists as SRC consultants who would hold program evaluation workshops for board members, conduct training institutes for state staff, and initiate a series of regional and subregional conferences to deal more specifically with the problems of school desegregation. On a modified basis, this important professional service is being organized under the direction of Mr. John Hope II, who is on loan to SRC from the Race Relations division of the American Missionary Association. Final details of operation will be worked out at a meeting of the consultants early in January.

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FOR YOUR INFORMATION

MEMORANDUM

TO: State Organizations Affiliated with SRC

FROM: Grace T. Hamilton
Assistant for Program

The attached is a survey of Southern states' activities with regard to the White House Conference on Education. Your Executive and/or Program Planning Committee may be considering ways in which this Conference -- and preparatory work in your state -- can further the interests of full educational opportunity. The Executive Committee of your state may wish to consider the following questions:

Is the state committee representative of all the state's population?

Are the interests of all parts of the population being considered in the planning of state conferences?

What groups are involved in preparing information for use in the state's conference? For use by the White House conference?

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A SUMMARY OF STATE CONFERENCE ACTIVITIES
as of May 1, 1955

White House Conference on Education

All of the fifty-three States and Territories urged to hold State conferences in preparation for the White House Conference have notified the White House Conference Committee of some official action taken.

Florida, Texas and Virginia have indicated they will use State funds to finance their conferences.

The following Southern States have scheduled conferences:

Kentucky	September 21-22	Louisville
Tennessee	September 13-14	Nashville

A STATUS REPORT OF STATE CONFERENCE ACTIVITIES

Committee for the
White House Conference on Education

State	Chairman Designated
Alabama*	Hon. Austin R. Meadows Superintendent of Education State Department of Education Montgomery 4

On April 26 approximately 550 people representing various statewide organizations met to discuss educational problems in Alabama and to determine how the White House Conference program can tie into the work they are to do. A meeting of the 28-member Planning Committee will be held on May 11 at Montgomery to make plans for the State and community conferences.

Arkansas*

Hon. A.W. Ford
Commissioner of Education
State Department of Education
Little Rock

A pre-planning group of 12 people met on April 6 at Little Rock and formed a 21-member Steering Committee, which includes the members of the pre-planning group. Mr. Lee Roy Beasley, former State comptroller, has been designated as chairman of

* States which have applied for funds.

the Steering Committee. He will select 19 more persons to serve on the Committee, making a total of 40 members. Dr. A.R. Ford, State Commissioner of Education, is the conference chairman. Subcommittees will conduct studies of each topic suggested by the White House Conference meeting of the Steering Committee on May 6.

Florida

Hon. Thomas D. Bailey
Superintendent of Public Instruction
State Department of Public Education
Tallahassee

The biennial session of the Florida Legislature will continue through early July. Until that time, plans for a State conference, to be held in the late summer or early fall, will be postponed. Florida will use State funds to finance its conference.

Georgia

Mr. George P. Whitman, Jr.
Chairman, State Board of Education
State Office Building
Atlanta 3

Mr. George P. Whitman, Jr., chairman of the State Board of Education and of the School Building Authority, has been designated as chairman of the 29-member Planning Committee recently appointed by Governor Griffin.

Kentucky*

Dr. Philip Davidson
President, University of Louisville
Louisville

The Planning Committee will hold its third meeting at Frankfort on May 9 to make further plans for 15 regional conferences to be held prior to the State conference tentatively scheduled for September 21-22 at Louisville.

Louisiana*

Hon. Shelby M. Jackson
Superintendent of Public Education
State Department of Education
Baton Rouge 4

The Planning Committee has been appointed and will begin organization of the State conference, to be held during the week of September 26, after the State Legislature holds its fiscal session in May.

Mississippi*

Hon. J.M. Tubb
Superintendent of Public Education
State Department of Education
Jackson

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* States which have applied for funds.

Miss. (cont'd.) An advisory committee of 12 members appointed a subcommittee to draw up suggested plans and procedures for consideration by a full State advisory committee of 30 members, yet to be appointed. The suggested plan calls for 6 regional conferences, each to be attended by about 125 delegates. Between 300 and 400 persons will be invited to the State conference, most of whom will have been delegates at the regional meetings. The State conference is scheduled for late August or early September.

North Carolina* Hon. Charles F. Carroll
Superintendent of Public Instruction
State Department of Public Instruction
Raleigh

Conference planning will begin after the adjournment of the present session of the State Legislature.

South Carolina* Mr. John H. Martin
Chairman, South Carolina Conference on Education
Hartsville

The six subcommittees, which were appointed to conduct studies of the six problem areas suggested by the White House Conference Committee, will meet two or three times before reporting to the State committee in May. The subcommittees will hold further meetings before making reports to the State Committee at a third meeting in June. From 400-500 persons will be invited to the State conference to be held during late July or early August. Plans for six regional conferences, one for each congressional district, were made at the First meeting of the Committee on March 31.

Tennessee* Dr. A.D. Holt
Vice-President
University of Tennessee
Knoxville

The recently appointed 21-member Planning Committee held its first meeting on April 26. The committee members, who represent statewide organizations, were asked to keep their organizations informed of all conference developments. Dr. Quill E. Cope, Commissioner of Education and vice-chairman of the conference, has been directed to assign research projects for each topic on the agenda to staff members of the Department of Education. The staff will prepare reports for the consideration of the conference, to be held September 13-14 at Nashville.

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* States which have applied for funds.

Texas - - - - - - - - - -

Further conference plans will be postponed until after the announcement of the Governor's appointment of a conference chairman and committee. Texas will use State funds to finance its conference.

Virginia

Hon. Dowell J. Howard
Superintendent of Public Instruction
State Board of Education
Richmond 16

The conference will be held in August at Richmond. Virginia will use State funds to finance its conference.

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June 13, 1955

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Mr. George Mitchell, Director
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Dear George Mitchell:

This will help clear the confusion caused by us with reference to the two Mrs Bates', both members of the Board of Directors of the Southern Regional Council. According to our understanding Mrs. W. F. Bates of 125 Atkins Street, North Little Rock, and Mr. Ulysses S. Bond of Madison, Arkansas, are regular members of the board. Mr. Fred Darragh of 1401 E. Sixth Street, and Mrs. L. C. Bates of 1804 Bishop Street, are exofficio members of the Board of Directors of the Southern Regional Council. Mrs. W. F. Bates and Mrs. L. C. Bates are two separate and distinct persons, living in separate and distinct places! They are both fine persons.

We are looking for Frank Loescher here on Wednesday, June 15th, to meet with our Executive Committee, and with the State members of the Board of Directors of the Southern Regional Council. He plans to drive up from Greenville, Mississippi, where he is seeing Hodding Carter.

Sincerely,

Nat

Nat Griswold

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December 6, 1954

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MEMORANDUM ON ARKANSAS MEETING

Little Rock, Arkansas
November 30-December 3, 1954

The organizational meetings in Arkansas took place on November 30th and December 2nd. Both meetings took place at the Dunbar Community Center -- a modern, well-equipped brick structure -- in the Negro community. The November 30th meeting was a planning meeting for the organizational meeting of December 2nd. There were 17 people present at the first meeting and 35-40 at the second meeting.

The Arkansas group is a thoughtful, cosmopolitan organization evidencing considerable understanding in this field and considerable competency in organizational matters.

At the December 2nd meeting the group adopted the proposed constitution, a copy of which is being sent to the central office for approval. They elected a Board of Directors leaving space for further membership to represent broader areas of the state. The President of the organization is Fred Darragh, a manufacturer and half-owner of the Darragh Company, maker of Darco Products. Mr. Darragh is deeply interested in the field of race relations and is fully committed to a democratic society. He displays no evidences of paternalism in his attitude or working with Negroes. The Vice-President of the organization is the Reverend Charles Walker, a Negro minister of the Congregational Church in Little Rock. Mr. Walker is originally from Connecticutt but is well rooted and accepted in Arkansas. He is a thoughtful person who works for a fully democratic society without apologizing for his attitude. Mrs. E.B. Dawson -- Negro lady -- with the Juvenile Court was elected secretary and the Reverend C.S. Cartwright -- white -- minister of the Disciples of Christ Church was elected treasurer. The Executive Director of the Urban League, Mr. Perry A. Taylor -- formerly from Tampa, Florida -- was elected to the Board and an attorney from the NAACP was also elected to the Board.

It is my estimation that the newly constituted Board of Directors of the Arkansas Council on Human Relations is one of the most forward looking, professionally competent, widely representative and straight thinking groups that we have in any state.

Minutes of the meetings are being forwarded to the central office and will be filed with this report on receipt.

Further note -- a considerable strength in the Arkansas Council is Harry Ashmore, editor of the Arkansas Gazette. Another matter of interest is the close relationship that Fred Darragh, Harry Ashmore and Edwin Dunaway have with Mr. Winthrop Rockefeller who lives close by and has given rather heavily to charitable and progressive causes in this state and is amenable to the purposes of this organization.

Considerable gratitude is due Mrs. J. Bates, Methodist religious educational worker, for virtually carrying on the burden of organization over the past few years.

Frederick B. Routh

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Rev. J. A. McDaniel
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Dear Reverend McDaniel:

At the November 20th meeting of the Executive Board of the Tennessee Council on Human Relations, Mr. F. Woods Beckman appointed a nominating committee to select candidates for permanent officers. The committee was as follows:

Mrs. Molly Todd	-	Nashville
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Mrs. Ann H. Rickey	-	Memphis
Dr. Bertis Capehart	-	Oak Ridge
Dr. James A. Colston	-	Knoxville
Mr. Alfred C. Galloway Chairman	-	Nashville

Doctors Capehart and Colston were not present at the meeting, however, the members present met immediately after lunch and decided upon the following names as permanent officers:

Chairman	-	F. Woods Beckman	-	Knoxville
V. Chairman	-	Rev. J. A. McDaniel	-	Memphis
V. Chairman	-	Mr. Haskell Miller	-	Chattanooga
Executive Secretary	-	Dr. Elsie Lewis	-	Nashville
Treasurer	-	Mr. J. J. Ray	-	Nashville

Mr. F. Woods Beckman stated to the chairman of the committee that he would not be able to serve as permanent chairman. He has agreed to serve until such time as we are able to find another chairman.

This report will be presented at the meeting in Nashville, January 15, 1955. I hope you will be present and that this proposed slate of officers meets the approval of the body.

Very truly yours,

/s/
Alfred C. Galloway,
Chairman-Nominating Comm.

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cc: Mr. F. Woods Beckman
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Mr. W. Carroll Brooke
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Mr. Wilson M. Brown
Mr. Emanuel Emroch

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Bishop John H. Hodges
Dr. John Garland Pollard, Jr.
Mr. M. C. Martin
Mr. Thomas W. Young
Bishop William H. Marmion
Mr. Wilson M. Brown

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SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC.

Meeting of Executive Committee

Friday, July 30, 1954 Atlanta, Georgia

AGENDA

I. EXECUTIVE SESSION

II. REPORT ON PROGRAM AND ORGANIZATIONAL STATUS

III. Secretary-Treasurer's report

IV. Central Office Operations

Proposed Revision of Staff Structure

Change in By-laws

Procedure for professional hiring

Loyalty Question

Office space - Interracial Commission files

SRC Brief Before the Supreme Court

Consideration of Policy Statement

V. Report on organization of States

Present status: membership and organization

Criteria for affiliation

Staff

Finances

VI. Discussion of Fund-raising

VII. Annual Meeting, November 10, 1954

Arrangements

Nominating Committee

VIII. Other Business

Resolved that the Council in annual session hereby urges the several State organizations or committees which are affiliated with the Council to give careful & thoughtful consideration to the statement made by the Executive Director in his memorandum #6 of 9/23/54 having to do with the matter of ~~integrated or segregated~~ bi-racial staff for the State organizations, believing that only by this means may the maximum both be achieved as effective development of program and financial support - the full text of his statement being as follows:

Resolved also ~~that the Central~~ staff is hereby requested to see that this policy is implemented on ~~both state and~~ the regional levels and to offer its assistance and encouragement towards its implementation on the State Level.

October 7, 1954

MEMORANDUM

TO: Katherine Stoney

From: George S. Mitchell

Notwithstanding the fact that earlier a lengthy mimeographed document notified the Board members of the meeting November 10, I suggest that we, at an early date, send around a postcard notification with request for return of intent.

From GTH
To GSM.

MEMORANDUM

October 21, 1954

Re: SRC Board members.

It appears that the roles which the members of the Southern Regional Council (Board Members) may reasonably be expected to fill include: (1) participation in policy-making; (2) lending their influence in the interest of the SRC, with fund-raising and financing, public opinion making, group representation -- business and industry, labor, religion, education, press, and community media; professions; and other organizations with related purposes.

Other factors which should be taken into account of the total Board membership include: geographical representation (although the ex-officio members from state organizations meet this in part); racial balance; and relationship to SRC state leadership.

The six officers' positions (President, 3 Vice-Presidents, and a Treasurer) could be regarded as positions which could supplement the objectives above in addition to normal Board vacancies.

The position of Treasurer might very well be an elected layman, who, with good luck, might be one who might logically become the Chairman of the Finance Committee. This will require a minor change in the by-laws, Article VI.

Article I, Section 2, which describes areas of the Council might well be modified to delete Oklahoma. Thus adding an additional place on the Board to be filled.

From an analysis of the present Board, the following states are weak in their numerical representation: Alabama, Arkansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, and Mississippi. It might also be noted that Negro college presidents seem to be somewhat overrepresented.

Suggestions for nominations to the Board.

Alabama:

1. William Kaufman, Director, Mobile Community Chest and Council.

2. York Wilburn. Head, Department of Political Science, University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa. Has worked with the Southern Governors' Conference. Said to have an enlightened conservative viewpoint. Is an expert in constitutional law.

3. Mrs. Myra Jones Bryant, Birmingham, Alabama. Husband is a physician. Former member of the National Board of the YWCA. Presently a part-time staff member, mental hygiene association. Active in many civic groups, state and national level. (N)

4. Ed Norton, Birmingham, Alabama. Chairman of the Board — Television Corporation (?)

Arkansas:

1. Harry Ashmore, Arkansas Gazette, Little Rock, Arkansas

2. M. Lafayette Harris, President, Philander-Smith College, Little Rock.

3. Mrs. E. J. Sparling, Hot Springs, Arkansas. Member of the National Board of the YWCA, Member of State Board of Education, member of National Public Affairs Committee — YWCA, active in many civic groups. Husband is a physician.

Florida:

1. Isadore H. Birnie, Executive of Afro-American Insurance Company. Former Atlantan. Jacksonville. (N)

2. Hollis Hinkhart, Miami.

Georgia:

1. Robert Snodgrass (Possibility for treasurer?)

~~Kentucky~~

Kentucky:

1. Mark Etheridge, Louisville

2. Alan Levy, Editorial Staff, Louisville Courier Journal.

3. Mrs. William Heuser, 3318 Trinity Road, Louisville, Kentucky. Member, National Board YWCA; Chairman, Council of Church Women; member of of Kentucky district/ ~~of~~ YWCA. Husband, Business man.
(rural)

Suggestions for nominations - 2

Louisiana:

1. Monte Lemann, New Orleans. Attorney

2. Mrs. Jacqueline Leonhard. Elected member of the school board. Staff member -- Society for Crippled Children. (N)

Mississippi:

1. Purser Hewitt. Managing Editor, Jackson ~~Daily~~ Clarion Ledger.
2. Hodding Carter.

North Carolina:

1. Don Shoemaker (?)

2. Chester Davis, Jr.

3. Mrs. David Jones. Wife of President of Bennett College. Active in United Council of Church Women and in Methodist Church. (N)

~~Sixth~~

Tennessee:

1. Attorney Cecil Simms, Nashville.

~~Sixth~~

Texas:

1. Jerome K. Crossman, Ryan Petroleum Corporation, Suite 2008, First National Bank Building, Dallas
2.

Virginia:

1. Mrs. J. Birdsall Caulkins, Arlington. Member National Board of YWCA, Member world council YWCA.

2. Frank Price, Lexington. Former moderator Southern Presbyterians.

There should be some provision in the by-laws to permit substitute of members of the SRC(Board), who, during a year's period of membership have "shown no signs of life." Among present members whose place might be filled are:

Arkansas — U. S. Bond; Oklahoma, O. D. Duncan (would be excluded from the Board if Oklahoma were taken out of the area of the Council's operation)

Texas: S. Thomas Friedman, Houston (possibly no longer there)

R. O'Hara Lanier, Houston

Florida: Judge L. E. Thompson

Alabama - A. S. Turnipseed.

If these six places were filled, and with the five places to be filled, and a treasurer as elected, twelve new people could be added.

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

of

THE SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL

Atlanta, Georgia October, 1954

ARTICLE II (By-Laws of the Southern Regional Council, Inc.)

Section 1. Members

A. The members of the corporation shall be as follows:

1. Not more than 50 or less than 40 persons, hereafter called members elected by the annual meeting at which these by-laws are adopted.

2. Two persons, hereafter called ex-officio members, from each affiliated State organization. These two persons from each affiliated State organization shall be the chairman of such affiliated organization and one additional member elected by the members of such organization.

3. The president, the vice-presidents, the counsel, the executive director, and the associate director shall also be ex-officio members.

B. A member, as distinct from an ex-officio member, shall hold office for four years (except as provided in Section 1-C of this Article) and until his successor shall have been duly chosen and qualified and until he shall have resigned or shall have been removed in the manner provided by Section 8 in this Article. No such member shall serve more than two consecutive full terms of four years each (or, in accordance with Section 1-C of this Article, one short term and one full four-year term, consecutively). Chairmen of affiliated State organizations shall hold ex-officio membership in the corporation as long as they are chairmen of affiliated State organizations, and ex-officio members elected by their affiliated State organizations shall hold membership in the corporation for not more than two consecutive four-year terms, or portions thereof.

C. The members elected at the meeting at which these by-laws are adopted shall be divided by lot in such a way that the terms of one-half shall expire at the time of the annual meeting in 1955, and the remainder at the annual meeting in 1957.

D. Successors to members (as distinct from ex-officio members) shall, upon expiration of terms or death, resignation, or removal, be elected by all members of the corporation, including ex-officio members, at the next meeting following occurrence of such vacancy, provided that in such elections the executive director and the associate executive director shall not be entitled to vote.

Section 3. Voting. Each member or ex-officio member shall have one vote and, except in cases in which it is by the charter or by these by-laws otherwise provided, a majority of the votes cast shall be sufficient to elect and to pass any measure. Voting by mail may be conducted on such questions and in such manner as may be provided by the Executive Committee.

Section 4. Proxies. Any member or ex-officio member entitled to vote at any meeting of members may vote either in person or by proxy. All proxies shall be given to members of this body only, and each one shall designate the name of the member who shall act as proxy. Every proxy shall be in writing, subscribed by the members, or his duly authorized attorney, and dated, but need not be sealed, witnessed, or acknowledged. Proxies shall be delivered to the secretary of the corporation before such meeting or to the inspectors at the meeting.

AN ANALYSIS OF SRC BOARD BY STATE AND RACE

	Elected Board		SRC Officers		Ex-officio & State Representatives	
	White	Negro	White	Negro	White	Negro
ALABAMA	1	1			1	1
ARKANSAS	1	1				
FLORIDA	1	1			1	
GEORGIA	5	5	2	1	1	1
KENTUCKY	1	1			1	
LOUISIANA	1			1	1	
MISSISSIPPI	1	1			1	
OKLAHOMA	1					
NORTH CAROLINA	4	1	1		1	
SOUTH CAROLINA	3	1			1	1
TENNESSEE	3	2	1		1	
TEXAS	4	2		1	1	
VIRGINIA	1	2		1	1	
	27	18	4	4	11	3
	45		8		14	

OCCUPATIONAL ANALYSIS

Attorneys:	9	Church Leaders:	3
Businessmen:	10	Editor-Publishers:	4
Civic Leaders:	5	Educators:	21
Clergymen:	11	Labor Leader:	1
		Social Workers:	2

NOTE: Five vacancies to be filled:

2 - 1954-55
3 - 1954-57

Southern Regional Council, Inc. Atlanta, Georgia

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Abram, Morris B '55	Attorney	Healey Bldg., Atlanta, Georgia
Atwood, Dr. R B '57	Educator	Kentucky State College, Frankfort, Kentucky
Barbare, Dr. Ralph '55	Educator	Winthrop Training School, Rock Hill, South Carolina
Bates, Mrs. W F '55	Church Leader	125 Atkins Street, Little Rock, Arkansas
Birnie, Mrs. Cassandra M '57	Attorney	864 Hunter Street, Atlanta, Ga.
Bond, Ulysses S '57	Businessman	Madison, Arkansas
Brazeal, Dr. B R %	Educator	Morehouse College, Atlanta, Ga.
Brooke, Rev. W C #	Clergyman	Box 208, Staunton, Virginia
Christopher, Paul R '55	Labor Leader	216 Flatiron Bldg. Knoxville, Tenn.
Clary, Rev. G E #	Clergyman	Southeastern Jurisdiction, Methodist Church, 63 Auburn Ave., Atlanta, Georgia
Clement, A J '55	Insurance Executive	Station A, Box 36, Charleston, South Carolina
Clement, Dr. R E '57	Educator	Atlanta University, Atlanta, Ga.
Clingman, Rt. Rev. Charles '57	Bishop	421 S. Second St., Louisville, Ky.
Coker, James L '55	Manufacturer	Sonoco Products, Hartsville, S. C.
Crate, Mrs. James S #		2410 Inwood Drive, Houston, Texas
Davidson, Herbert M '55	Editor	Daytona Beach NEWS JOURNAL, Daytona Beach, Florida
Dent, Dr. A W *	Educator	Dillard University, New Orleans, Louisiana
Duncan, O.D '55	Professor	Oklahoma A & M College, Stillwater, Oklahoma
Dunlap, Davisson #	Attorney	Barnett Bldg., Jacksonville, Fla.
Foster, Richard J #	Attorney	Box 1325, Greenville, S. C.
Friedman, S Thomas '57	Social Worker	Southwestern Jewish Community Relations Council, 1110 Bissonet, Houston, Texas
Gomillion, Dr. C G '55	Educator	Tuskegee Institute, Alabama
Griffin, John A '55	Professor	Emory University, Georgia
Haas, Leonard *	Attorney	Haas-Howell Bldg., Atlanta, Ga.
Hancock, Dr. Gordon B *	Educator	P. O. Box 6056, Richmond, Va.
Johnson, Dr. Charles S '55	Educator	Fisk University, Nashville, Tenn.
Johnson, Dr. Guy B '57	Professor	University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, North Carolina
Lanier, Dr. R O'Hara '55	Educator	Texas Southern University, Houston, Texas
Looby, Dr. Z A '57	Attorney	419 Fourth Ave., N., Nashville, Tennessee
Mantinband, Rabbi Charles #	Clergyman	808 Mamie St., Hattiesburg, Miss.
Mays, Dr. B E '57	Educator	Morehouse College, Atlanta, Ga.
McCann, John '57	Businessman	231 Baronne St., New Orleans, La.
McDowell, Dr. E A '55	Professor	Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Wake Forrest, N. C.
Milner, Dr. Clyde '55	Educator	Guilford College, North Carolina
Milton, L D '57	Banker	Citizens Trust Co., Atlanta, Ga.
Mitchell, Dr. G S *	Executive Director	SRC, 63 Auburn Ave., N. E., Atlanta, Georgia

Moron, Dr. A G '57	Educator	Hampton Institute, Virginia
Mynders, Alfred *	Editor	The Chattanooga Times, Chattanooga, Tennessee
Paul, Mrs. Marion %	Civic Leader	2324 Washington St., Columbia, S.C.
Penick, Rt. Rev. E A '55	Bishop	802 Hillsboro St., Raleigh, N. C.
Rayzor, Mrs. J N '55	Civic Leader	3207 Groveland Lane, Houston, Tex.
Reddix, Dr. J L '57	Educator	Jackson College, Jackson, Miss.
Richards, Dr. J M '55	Educator	Columbia Theological Seminary, Decatur, Georgia
Richardson, Dr. H V '55	Educator	Gammon Theological Seminary, Atlanta, Georgia
Robinson, Mrs. E U '57	Church Leader	675 N. Waters St., Gallatin, Tenn.
Russell, Rev. Leon #	Clergyman	First Methodist Church, Rocky Mount, North Carolina
Shaw, Charles A '57	Insurance Executive	Watchtower Life Insurance Co., 2206 Dowling St., Houston, Texas
Shean, Rev. M V, CO '55	Clergyman	Box 895, Rock Hill, S. C.
Smith, Rev. C Emerson #	Clergyman	109 West Grace St., Richmond, Va.
Smith, J Edwin '55	Attorney	505 Scanlan Bldg., Houston, Texas
Stroud, Mrs. Tommie '57	Civic Leader	3225 Maple Avenue, Waco, Texas
Sytz, Miss Florence '55	Professor	Tulane School of Social Work, New Orleans, Louisiana
Thomas, Judge L E '55	Attorney	1035 N. W. Second Ave., Miami, Fla.
Tillman, Mrs. J Fount '55	Church Leader	Lewisburg, Tennessee
Trenholm, Dr. H C %	Educator	Alabama State College, Montgomery, Alabama
Turnipseed, Rev. A S '55	Clergyman	301 Dexter Ave., Montgomery, Ala.
Twomey, Rev. L J #	Clergyman	Loyola University, New Orleans, La.
Tydings, J M #	Executive	808 Starks Bldg., Louisville, Ky.
Weiss, Morton '57	Businessman	182 Marietta St., Atlanta, Ga.
Wesley, Carter *	Publisher	Box 3086, Houston, Texas
Wheeler, John H '57	Banker	Mechanics & Farmers Bank, Durham, North Carolina
Whitsett, Rev. Dan #	Clergyman	First Methodist Church, Sylacauga, Alabama
Wilkins, Miss Josephine '57	Civic Leader	387 Milledge Ave., Athens, Ga.
Williams, Paul D '57	Businessman	3320 Gloucester Rd., Richmond, Va.
Wright, M A *	Lawyer	Top Knot, Linville Falls, N. C.
Young, Thomas W '57	Publisher	JOURNAL & GUIDE, Norfolk, Va.

SYMBOLS:

* -	SRC officer	'55 -	two-year elected member
# -	Ex-officio	'57 -	four-year elected member
% -	State representative		

NOTE: The following people from the board have become paid staff:

Hamilton, Mrs. Grace T	Atlanta Office
Parrish, Dr. C H	Field Work Consultant
Spearman, Mrs. E H	South Carolina Executive Director

Bd only

November 1, 1954

Dr. Rachel Davis DuBois
20A West Eighteenth Street
Workshop for Cultural Democracy
New York, New York

Dear Dr. DuBois:

We have unscrambled the program for our meeting of state staff people, and can now be specific.

There will be no meeting of staff people on Monday, November 8. They will have a morning and afternoon and evening session on Tuesday November 9. You and Mrs. Li will first be getting dinner with the group at 6:00 p.m., at Atlanta University in the dining room of the Atlanta University Graduate Dormitory. And then the evening meeting of the group, which follows dinner and begins at 7:00 p.m. and lasts until 9:00 p.m., will have as its principal feature your suggestions on program techniques.

I suppose you will not wish to use more than forty-five minutes or an hour for showing your special techniques, and that the latter part of the evening would go to discussion of that device and of others, coming largely from those present.

We are arranging to have present at the evening meeting a couple from India, and a West African student.

The Board meeting, which comes up Wednesday, November 10, is so crowded that we found no opportunity to bring you and Mrs. Li in for that. And it has also been our staff decision that the daytime meetings, Tuesday, November 9, relate to such intimate organizational matters that it would be best if the group were composed of only SRC people.

So the thing for you and Mrs. Li to do is to arrange to come to Atlanta by any comfortable transportation you prefer that would put you here say on the afternoon of the 9th, enabling you to be present with the group from 6:00 p.m., on on the 9th, and let you go back at whatever hour may be comfortable on the 10th.

Rooms have been reserved for you and Mrs. Li at the Piedmont Hotel.

The Council will be responsible for reimbursement to you and Mrs. Li for the travel and actual expenses involved.

The Piedmont Hotel is in downtown Atlanta. Well known to all cab drivers.

I am sure we are all going to learn a lot, and we are delighted that the two of you are willing to come.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
cc: Mrs. Hamilton ✓

Mrs. H. accepted responsibility for arranging

presence of persons checked.

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SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC.

ANNUAL MEETING

November 10, 1954

Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Mr. Marion A. Wright, President, presiding

AGENDA

Invocation

Welcome - Dr. Clement

Remarks by President Wright

Report of Executive Committee - Dr. Rufus E. Clement,
Chairman of Executive Committee

Action upon Report

Report of Executive Director

Lunch

Finance Report

Action on Proposed By-Law Changes

Action on Proposed Resolution re Nominating Committee

Report of Nominating Committee - Mr. John H. Wheeler, Chairman

Elections

Other Business

Adjournment

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE TO THE CORPORATION

The eighteen months that have elapsed since the last meeting of the Board have been eventful ones in the life of the Southern Regional Council. The Supreme Court's decision of last May 17th, holding public school segregation unconstitutional, opened up unprecedented opportunities and unprecedented problems, both of which call for monumental efforts by the Council. Fortunately, the Council has received sizable new resources for this task, in the form of a grant of $240,000 for an eighteen-month period from the Fund for the Republic.

Naturally, your Committee rejoiced in this long-awaited lifting of a five-year siege of poverty. But it has also been sensitive to the tremendous responsibility which the grant places upon us. The Council's request for this aid pointed out that, in a time of international crisis, the success or failure of the South to adjust to democratic practices could determine the fate of democracy the world over. In accepting the grant from the Fund for the Republic, we in the Council have undertaken to make a major contribution in this historic test of democratic ideals. Our performance now may well influence events beyond the limits of our region, our nation, and our time.

The grant imposes two specific obligations. First, that the Council build in each of 12 Southern states human relations organizations that will be professionally staffed and, at the end of the subsidy period, will be self-sustaining. Second, that the Council triple the amount raised for its support in the Southern region during the first year, and increase the amount even more in the

subsequent two years. This fund-raising effort, both for the central office and the state organizations, is a firm condition of the grant. Your Committee feels that this is a paramount responsibility of every member of this body.

ORGANIZATION

Your Executive Committee has met four times since the last Board meeting -- on September 25, 1953, February 10, 1954, April 6, 1954, and July 30, 1954. In furtherance of the Council's broader role, the Committee has given major attention to the organizational changes authorized by the By-Laws adopted at the last general membership meeting in May 1953. The power, delegated to the Executive Committee, to put the new By-Laws into effect was exercised on April 6th of this year. Consequently, the Southern Regional Council is no longer a general membership organization but is wholly made up of the body meeting here today, formerly termed the Board. General memberships now belong to the respective state organizations affiliated with the Council. Certain amendments to the By-Laws will be submitted for your consideration today.

The Committee has steadily reviewed with the central staff the progress of the newly strengthened state organizations and their relationship with the Council.

The Committee has also reviewed changes in the central staff necessary to the new and expanded functions of the Council. A personnel subcommittee, consisting of the President, the Chairman of the Executive Committee, and the Executive Director, has been appointed to deal with continuing questions of staff recruitment,

salary, and job descriptions. Arrangements have also been made for appropriate financial bonds for all staff handling Council funds.

In addition, the Executive Committee, having in mind the responsibility of a private agency using tax exempt funds, directed that present and future personnel of the central and state offices should complete a questionnaire on present or previous membership in organizations of a Fascist or Communist nature.

The Committee has arranged for the files of the former Commission on Interracial Cooperation to be donated to Atlanta University, with certain stipulations concerning access to them by the Council.

PROGRAM

The Executive Committee, at each of its meetings, has reviewed with the staff the continuing program activities of the Council. These included the project, furthered by President Wright, to gather a body of data on racial discrimination in the courts, looking toward the establishment of a Southwide Commission on Equal Penalties; the Council's arrangements with certain church groups to make available ministers for travel in various Southern states under the guidance of the Council; additional summer field work for the Council by Mr. C.H. Parrish and Mr. Robert G. Menefee, exploring prospects for adjustment to the Supreme Court decision; and the preparation and distribution through church and civic organizations of two handbooks for local action on the schools.

These and other program activities will be reviewed in more detail by the Executive Director.

ATTACKS ON SRC

In this time of change and tension in the area of human relations, some intemperate attacks on the Council are perhaps to be expected. During 1953 and 1954, the Executive Committee has concerned itself with several irresponsible attacks by persons who publish small weekly newspapers, generally regarded as irresponsible in nature. All of these originated in Georgia. The first was a charge by the Rev. Blake Craft, elaborated in his paper One Methodist Voice, that the Council is honeycombed with "communist fronters." The second assault, adding the unfounded claim that the Council is the successor in fact to the Southern Conference for Human Welfare, was made in successive issues of The Augusta Courier, an extreme publication put out by Roy Harris, a Georgia political figure. Finally, The Statesman, the personal political sheet of Governor Herman Talmadge, has picked up some of the same material as a basis for attacks on the Council and the Ford Foundation. Within recent days, the Governor, in an attack on a number of organizations aired on television, mentioned the Southern Regional Council as having communist connections. Among the persons impugned in the published attacks were myself, Dr. Mitchell, Dr. Howard Odum, Dr. Frederick D. Patterson, Mr. Donald Comer, Mr. Virginius Dabney, Mr. Aubrey Williams, Dr. Charles S. Johnson, Bishop E.A. Penick, and other past and present board members.

Efforts to identify the Council in any way with the Communist movement are obviously absurd. The problem has been one of public relations. In only one instance did the reputable press take any notice of the charges, and on that occasion the Council's point of view was amply stated. The Executive Director has written a letter to Governor Talmadge protesting his untrue charge on television and requesting a retraction.

For the rest, the Committee has felt that the wise thing to do was to take no public notice of such charges when they are ignored by reputable news media, lest our actions serve to publicize the slanders. A subcommittee, consisting of our legal Counsel, the Chairman of the Executive Committee, and the Executive Director, has been appointed to decide proper action in such cases if and when they arise.

The Executive Committee is conscious of its heavy responsibility in overseeing the expanded program of the Council and the growth of its relationship with state organizations. It is the opinion of the Committee that satisfactory progress has been made to date toward fulfilling the purpose and terms of the grant. In order that this progress may continue at an accelerated pace, your review of past actions and your guidance for the future are earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

Chairman

November 10, 1954

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC.

Finance Report
November 10, 1954

Schedule of income for period 1954, 1955 and 1956 according to terms of the grant from The Fund for the Republic

CENTRAL OFFICE

	1954	1955	1956
From Fund for the Republic	$ 37,350.00	$ 43,350.00	$ 19,083.00
To be raised in order to meet commitment in grant	20,000.00	33,750.00	54,850.00

STATE ORGANIZATIONS

From Fund for the Republic	$ 39,700.00*	$ 150,600.00	$ 119,000.00
To be raised in order to meet commitment in grant	5,400.90	26,700.00	59,500.00

*This is based on the state organizations operating for three months in 1954, 12 months in 1955 and 12 months in 1956

REPORT ON INCOME

	Actual 1953	Actual 1st 3 mos. 1954	Actual 4/1-10/31, 1954 (7 mos.)
SOURCES:			
Foundations:			
Ford Foundation	20,000.00	5,000.00	
Sidney Hillman Foundation	1,500.00		1,500.00
Field Foundation	2,500.00		1,500.00
William C. Whitney Found.	1,000.00		
Other Foundations	1,100.00	1,050.00	300.00
	$ 26,000.00	$ 6,050.00	$ 3,300.00
Labor Organizations:			
C.I.O.		1,000.00	
United Auto Workers	1,000.00		1,000.00
United Steelworkers of USA	1,000.00	1,000.00	
United Rubber Workers	200.00	200.00	
American Federation of Labor	1,000.00		1,000.00
International Ladies Garment Workers Union	500.00	500.00	
	3,700.00	2,700.00	2,000.00
Other Organizations:			
Miller & Rhoades	200.00		
Emory Univ. Brotherhood Week	141.10		
N. C. Teachers Assoc.	50.00		50.00
United Jewish Appeal		75.00	
Misc. Organizations	57.43		23.26
	448.53	75.00	73.26
Churches:			
Methodist	2,575.00	554.00	1,350.00
Episcopal	1,115.00	15.00	1,000.00
Presbyterian, U.S.A.	250.00	250.00	
Presbyterian, U.S.	200.00		200.00
Misc. Churches	50.00		20.00
	4.190.00	819.00	2,570.00
Contributions from Individuals	2,718.20	825.00	785.04
Members Dues	3,060.50	798.50	1,004.00
New South Subscriptions	534.75	129.25	321.63
Sale of literature	3,375.45	990.01	2,455.00
Honoraria	1,078.50	80.00	800.00
	$ 45,205.93	$ 12,466.76	$ 13,308.93

CENTRAL OFFICE EXPENSE

Expense - January 1 through March 31, 1954

Salaries	$6,958.28	
Rent	315.00	
Travel	448.46	
Telephone & Telegraph	304.67	
Printing	980.33	
Postage	46.38	
Office Supplies	176.23	
Audit fee	75.00	
Social Security (cost to Council)	21.12	
Books & Subscriptions	24.02	
Insurance	25.01	
Miscellaneous expense (Steno. services for Pres. etc.)	55.72	
Honorarium for manuscript	100.00	
Bank fees	.55	
Interest expense	.62	
Georgia sales tax	1.51	
Paid on 1953 debts:		
Bank loan for 1953 salaries	990.00	
Ga. Sales tax for December 1953	14.16	
Social Security for December 1953	4.67	
TOTAL		$10,541.73

Expense - April 1 through October 31, 1954

Salaries	$26,006.40	
Rent	785.00	
Travel	4,274.19	
Telephone & Telegraph	789.81	
Printing	1,675.94	
Postage	497.77	
Office supplies	1,112.20	
Office alterations	1,632.00	
Office equipment	556.72	
Social security (cost to Council)	342.35	
Audit fees	60.00	
Bank fees	5.25	
Books & Subscriptions	157.92	
Ga. sales tax	12.64	
Insurance	749.50	
Miscellaneous expense (Steno. services for Pres.,etc.)	172.86	
Honoraria for Mss. and consultants fees	997.10	
Paid on 1953 debts:		
1953 salaries	1,124.99	
1953 printing	1,571.06	
Return of funds to Tenn. Division	190.00	
TOTAL		$42,713.78
TOTAL EXPENSE FOR YEAR TO DATE		$53,255.51

REPORT ON SPECIAL PROJECTS

Fellowship of the Concerned

Balance on hand, January 1, 1954		$ 561.20
Expenses		
Salary, Mrs. Tilly	$ 75.00	
Stenographic services	101.57	
Postage & supplies	7.24	
		183.81
Balance, October 13, 1954		377.39

Commission on Equal Penalties

Balance, January 1, 1954		$ 3815.93
Receipts		
Contribution	$ 25.00	
Interest earned	20.22	
		45.22
		$ 3861.15
Expenses		
Travel	$ 1791.17	
Reimbursement to Research Students	1236.66	
Taxes	14.02	
Statistical report and analysis	317.95	
Supplies	38.38	
Telephone	83.45	
Lawyer's fee	25.00	
Misc. expense	13.45	
		3520.08
Balance, October 31, 1954		$ 341.07

Report on Share of Dues to State Divisions from SRC members

	Bal. 1/54	Receipts to 10/31	Pd. to 10/31	Bal.
Alabama	$10.50	$ 158.50	$ 169.00	--
Arkansas	4.50	19.00	16.50	7.00
Florida	10.50	93.50	90.50	3.00
Kentucky	1.50	36.50	38.00	--
Louisiana	1.50	12.50	8.00	6.00
Mississippi	9.50	89.50	96.00	3.00
North Carolina	10.00	96.50	106.50	--
South Carolina	10.50	98.50	86.50	22.50
	$ 58.50	$ 604.50	$ 611.00	$ 41.50

REPORT OF EXPENDITURES FOR STATE ORGANIZATIONS

Covers period June 1 through October 31, 1954

Total amount of grant for State Organizations			$158,800.00
Alabama Division, SRC			
Salary, Executive Secretary	$ 416.66		
Local expenses	500.00		
		916.66	
Georgia Committee on Interracial Cooperation			
Salary, Executive Secretary	$ 2,083.30		
Salary, clerical	312.42		
Local expenses	600.00		
		2,995.72	
Kentucky Council on Human Relations			
Local expenses	$ 500.00		
		500.00	
Louisiana Council on Human Relations			
Salary, Executive Secretary	$ 2,083.30		
Salary, clerical	100.00		
Local Expenses	600.00		
		2,783.30	
N. C. Division, SRC			
Salary, Executive Secretary	$ 416.66		
Local Expenses	600.00		
		1,016.66	
S. C. Division, SRC			
Salary, Executive Secretary	$ 416.66		
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Social security paid for state employees		36.60	
Total expenditures to State Organizations			8,665.60
Balance, October 31, 1954			$ 150,134.40

Amounts raised by State Organization as per reports to SRC	
Georgia Committee on Interracial Cooperation	$ 386.42
Louisiana Council on Human Relations	70.75
	$ 457.17

Bd. mtg
11/10/54

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL
November 10, 1954

The staff and the Nominating Committee recommend to the Council the passage of the following resolution:

WHEREAS ARTICLE V, Section 4, of the By-Laws provide that "The Council may by resolution provide for such other standing or special committees as it deems desirable and may discontinue the same at pleasure," therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that a Nominating Committee of not less than five members, three of whom shall be elected by the Council at its annual meeting, one of whom shall be its "ex-officio" member from an affiliated organization, and two of whom shall be appointed by the president and the Executive Committee, shall be constituted.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Nominating Committee shall meet at least thirty (30) days before the annual meeting for the purpose of nominating:

1. Members of the Council;
2. Officers of the Council;
3. Members of the Executive Committee; and
4. Members of the succeeding Nominating Committee

PREPARED FOR BOARD MEETING 11/10/54

(one copy each in GSM's file)

25 copies AFA

10 copies Christian Conscience

100 copies SRC (gray) leaflet

1 copy each Memo's #1 thru #6 (GSM's folder only)

45 copies of the By-Laws (incorporating proposed amendments)

Resolution re By-Laws

Police letter (5 copies)

Memo to state personnel re loyalty (GSM's folder only)

personnel inquiry form (GSM's folder only)

Report of the Executive Committee to the Council (GSM's folder only)

Worksheet for Nominating Committee (GSM's folder only)

Williamsburg Report (including Premises and list of those in attendance) (GSM's folder only)

List of Board of Directors

Agenda

Copy

I call your attention to a change of great significance in connection with this meeting. Heretofore there was invariably an item on the agenda, carried by long custom if not constitutional mandate, under the heading "President's Annual Address" in capital letters. That has now shrunk to "Remarks by the President" in small letters. I hope this may be symptomatic -- that it may indicate we have moved from elocution and oratory to sober discussion.

Of course, too, there is a drastic change in the size of this group. From the scores or hundreds that used to avail themselves of Dr. Clement's hospitality over at Atlanta University we have shrunk to this select company. I am sure we all hope there has been no corresponding decrease in intellectual horsepower or weakening of purpose.

Those changes are responsive to changes in the times. If men were to be induced to adopt a radically novel attitude or course of action, some appeal had to be made to their emotions. All of us have a large area of inattention to the merely logical and lucid. Oratory was the instrument for the emotional appeal. And, of course, where many were to be converted, it was appropriate to address men in droves.

How easily and imperceptibly we have made the transition from a discussion of right and wrong to a discussion of ways and means, from the adoption of objectives and goals to the adoption of methods! In military terms we have moved from grand strategy to tactics.

Since our last annual meeting an act has occured which has radically altered the essential nature of our task. Until May 17, 1954, the racial customs and folk ways of the South were embedded in law -- even in some state constitutions. It was actually illegal for men of different races to be decent to each other. Such customs now have no legal buttress, of course, that is for the moment an over-statement. But I am sure that none of us is so blind that he cannot see that the historian of the future will record that legally supported

racial discrimination, however it may be manifested, received its mortal thrust on May 17 of this year.

So our task is greatly simplified. Instead of trying to persuade men to change their laws, we now have merely to persuade them to observe the law. Instead of asking them to be decent in conflict with law, we ask them to be decent in accordance with law.

There is not the slightest doubt of the result. Too many forces are on our side. We now have the heavy artillery.

Every man can be made to realize that the security of his own person and property is intimately bound up with every other man's rights under the law.

There is a large streak of the decent in all of us. We tend to become ashamed of a course of action which is little and mean.

We are gregarious and social by nature. We grope for every proffered hand.

At the core of whatever religion we profess, whether organized or not, there lies the compulsion to recognize every other man's complete equality. Southern churches are now astir.

Millions of veterans are not disposed to strangle the fraternity which received its birth in Europe, in the Pacific, in Korea.

So our task is merely to use with wisdom the enormous natural advantages which we now have. We have the mostest. We have merely to get there with the fustest.

Our goal? To give to each Southern state a demonstration of how an independent agency may enrich the life of the state by removing racial barriers to the end that the state may be moved to set up its own department of human relations. Education was a matter of private tutors and private schools until the state assumed that function. Every man maintained the road in front of his house until the state established its own highway system. Every function of the state has its genesis in private endeavor and effort.

Several states now have departments of human relations. When they are universal in the South may we be able to regard these creations with the pride of paternity.

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PROPOSED ADDITION TO THE BY-LAWS OF SRC FOR NOV. MEETING

ARTICLE I. Name and Area (and Purposes)

Section 3. Purposes

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GSM: This proposed addition to SRC ByLaws is lifted from our charter with minor revision to include state offices and to prohibit political activities. Hope this meets with the request outlined in your memo to me of 24 Sept 54.

FBR

November 15, 1954

TO: G.S. Mitchell
Executive Committee

RE: Amendment to the by-laws of the Southern Regional Council approved by the SRC November 10, 1954

Georgia Union Sun

Article V.

Present Section 4 should become Section 5.

Section 4. Nominating Committee

There shall be a Nominating Committee of not less than five members. Three members shall be elected by the Council from its membership at its annual meeting, and one of these shall be an "ex-officio" member of the Council from an affiliated state organization. Two members shall be appointed by the joint action of the President and the Executive Committee.

The Nominating Committee shall meet not less than thirty (30) days before the annual meeting for the purpose of nominating (1) members of the Council, (2) officers of the Council, (3) members of the Executive Committee and (4) three members of the succeeding Nominating Committee.

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OF THE

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, Inc.

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Section 1. Name. The name of this organization shall be the Southern Regional Council, Incorporated. The terms "Council" or "Corporation" used hereafter in these by-laws shall mean the "Southern Regional Council, Inc."

Section 2. Area. For the purposes of this corporation the Southern Region shall be defined as embracing the States of Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, and Virginia. All members of the corporation shall be residents of this area. This area may be increased or reduced at any annual meeting of the members as hereinafter defined.

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2. Two persons, hereafter called ex-officio members, from each affiliated State organization. These two persons from each affiliated State organization shall be the chairman of such affiliated organization and one additional member elected by the members of such organization.

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C. The members elected at the meeting at which these by-laws are adopted shall be divided by lot in such a way that the terms of one-half shall expire at the time of the annual meeting in 1955, and the remainder at the annual meeting in 1957.

D. Successors to members (as distinct from ex-officio members) shall, upon expiration of terms or death, resignation, or removal, be elected by all members of the corporation, including ex-officio members, at the next meeting following occurrence of such vacancy, provided that in such elections the executive director and the associate executive director shall not be entitled to vote.

Section 2. Notice of Meetings and Membership Rights

A. Notice of the place, day, and hour of every regular and special meeting shall be given to each member and ex-officio membmer not less than ten (10) days before the meeting, by delivering the same to him personally, or sending the same to him by telegraph or telephone or by leaving the same at his last known post office address, according to the records of the corporation. It shall not be requisite to the validity of any meeting of the Council that notice thereof shall have been received by any member and ex-officio member who is present thereat or, if absent, waives notice thereof in writing filed with the records of the meeting either before or after the holding thereof. No notice of any adjourned meeting of the Council need be given.

B. The rights of any member in the corporation shall not be assignable or transferable, except in the case of proxies, as provided in Section 4 of this Article, and his rights shall cease with death, resignation, or termination of membership for any cause.

Section 3. Voting. Each member or ex-officio member shall have one vote and, except in cases in which it is by the charter or by these by-laws otherwise provided, a majority of the votes cast shall be sufficient to elect and to pass any measure. Voting by mail may be conducted on such questions and in such manner as may be provided by the Executive Committee.

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ARTICLE III. FELLOWS

The Council may award honorary fellowships, not exceeding one hundred (100) in number, to Southerners who have demonstrated exceptional talent for constructive leadership. Fellows shall be chosen in such manner as the Council may prescribe, provided they are well distributed as to race, sex, creed, occupation, and place of residence. The duties of fellows shall be to cooperate with the Council as observers, advisers, correspondents, and special representatives. Fellows may receive such honoraria or reimbursement of expenses incurred at the request of the Executive Committee as the Council may direct. The term of a fellowship shall be for two years, unless otherwise provided by the Council, and fellowships may be renewed or withdrawn at the discretion of the Council. Fellows need not be members of the corporation.

ARTICLE IV. AFFILIATES

Organized groups or agencies whose aims and methods are closely akin to the aims and methods of the Southern Regional Council may, at the discretion of the Council, become affiliates of the Council, upon such conditions as the corporation may prescribe. The by-laws of such organized groups or agencies shall be approved by the Council or the Executive Committee of the Council in advance of affiliation. Alterations in the by-laws of such affiliated organizations shall become valid only after written approval of the proposed altered language by or on behalf of the Southern Regional Council. The Council shall prescribe a uniform accounting and auditing system for all affiliated organizations and shall require adherence to such system by all affiliated organizations. Affiliated organizations may disaffiliate. The Council may require disaffiliation for breach of the by-laws of an affiliated organization, or in the event that (after a hearing by the Council) the Council deems the aims and methods of such organization to be no longer closely akin to those of the Southern Regional Council. In the event of disaffiliation, any property of the affiliate purchased with the proceeds of Council aid to such affiliate shall be at the disposition of the Council.

ARTICLE V. COMMITTEES

Section 1. Executive Committee. The Council shall provide for an Executive Committee of not more than nine (9) members in addition to the president and vice-presidents, treasurer and counsel; the executive director and the ~~associate executive~~ assistant director shall also be ex-officio members of the Committee, but without the right to vote. The Executive Committee shall serve during the pleasure of the Council and may be discharged and the Committee abolished at any time by the Council. Unless one of the members shall have been designated as chairman by the Council, the Executive Committee shall elect a chairman from its own number. During the intervals between the meetings of the Council the Executive Committee shall possess and may exercise all of the powers of the corporation, conferred by these by-laws or the charter of the corporation, in all cases in which specific directions shall not have been given by the Council. The Executive Committee shall keep full and fair accounts of its transactions. All action by the Executive Committee shall be reported to the Council at its meeting next succeeding such action, and shall be subject to revision and alterations by the Council; provided that no rights of third persons shall be affected by any such revision or alteration. Vacancies in the Executive Committee shall be filled by the Council.

Section 2. Meetings of Executive Committee. The Executive ~~Council~~ Committee shall fix its own rules of procedure, and shall meet as provided by such rules or by resolution of the Council, and it shall also meet at the call of the chairman or of any three members of the Committee. A quorum of the Executive Committee shall consist of not less than five (5) members of the Committee. If necessary, members of the Executive Committee may by written notice appoint a proxy from among the members of the Council to attend and vote on behalf of such members.

Section 3. National Advisory Committee. The Council may establish a National Advisory Committee, composed of persons who reside outside the area of the Southern Regional Council and who are sympathetic with the aims and policies of the Council, whose purpose shall be to advise the Council on matters pertaining to its work.

Section 4. Other Committees. The Council may by resolution provide for such other standing or special committees as it deems desirable and may

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Section 2. President. The president of the corporation shall serve as chairman of the Council. He shall, when present, preside at all meetings of the Council, and he shall perform such other duties as, from time to time, may be assigned to him by the Council.

Section 3. First Vice-President. At the request of the president, or in his absence or disability, the first vice-president shall perform all the duties of the president; and when so acting shall have the powers of the president; and shall perform such other duties as, from time to time, may be assigned to him by the Council.

Section 4 Additional Vice-Presidents. Each additional vice-president, if any, shall perform the duties of the office in order of his rank and shall have such powers and perform such duties as may be assigned to him by the Council.

Section 5. Executive Director. The executive director shall be charged with the execution of the program and policies of the Council as defined by the Council, and shall be responsible directly to the Council. He shall have general charge and supervision of the employed personnel of the Council, he may sign and execute, in the name of the corporation, all authorized deeds, mortgages, bonds, contracts, or other instruments, except in cases in which the signing and execution thereof shall have been expressly delegated to some other officer or agent of the corporation; and he shall perform such other duties as from time to time may be assigned to him by the Executive Com-

Section 6. Assistant Directors. The assistant directors shall work in cooperation with the executive director in the administration of the program and policies of the Council. In the absence or disability of the executive director, one of the assistant directors will be designated by the executive director, or by the executive committee, to perform, temporarily, the duties of executive director.

Section 7. Secretary. The secretary shall keep the minutes of the meetings of the Council and of the Executive Committee, in books provided for the purpose; he shall see that all notices are duly given in accordance with the provisions of these by-laws, or as required by law; he shall be custodian of the records and of the corporate seal or seals of the corporation; he shall see that the corporate seal is affixed to all documents, the execution of which, on behalf of the corporation, under its seal, is duly authorized, and when so affixed may attest the same; and, in general, he shall perform all duties incident to the office of a secretary of a corporation, and such other duties as, from time to time, may be assigned to him by the Council or by the by-laws.

Section 8. Treasurer. The treasurer shall have charge of and be responsible for all funds, securities, receipts and disbursements of the corporation, and shall deposit, or cause to be deposited, in the name of the corporation, all monies or other valuable effects in such banks, trust companies, or other depositories as shall, from time to time, be selected by the Council; he shall render to the president and to the Council annually, and at other times whenever requested, an account of the financial condition of the corporation; and, in general, shall perform all duties incident to the office of a treasurer of a corporation, and such other duties as may be assigned to him by the Council.

Section 9. Controller. The office of controller may be created by the Council, and the duties and authority of such officer shall be fixed by the Council.

Section 10. Counsel. The duties and authority of the counsel shall be fixed by the Council, and he shall be a member of the Council, by virtue of his office.

Adopted by the Membership Meeting of May 14, 1953, subject to implementation by the Executive Committee; made effective by the Executive Committee on April 6, 1954.

To: GSM
HF

Would it not be well to send copies of the Exec. Com. minutes to the members of the SRC in attendance at the Nov. 10th meeting as soon as they are prepared for mailing to the Exec. Com - I would also suggest that they (Exec. Com. minutes) be attached and mailed with the SRC minutes when the latter are sent to SRC members not in attendance at the Nov. 10th meeting.

Nov. 24th. GTH.

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ROOM 432, 63 AUBURN AVEN[illegible]

GEORGE S. MITCHELL,
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

December 16, 1954

A Council to attain, through research and action, the ideals and practices of equal opportunity for all peoples in the South.

Dear Board Member:

Here are the minutes of the meeting of the Board of the Southern Regional Council, November 10, '54. Along with them, minutes of a subsequent (Nov. 23) meeting of the Executive Committee. The minutes of the Board meeting have been tentatively approved by a committee composed of Mr. Alonzo Moron, Mr. C. G. Commillion, and Mr. Ralph Barbare.

Many policy questions came up, and we will be grateful for your comments or views. The Council is the Board, and we need your steady counsel.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell

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Executive Director

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF
THE SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL

November 10, 1954

The Annual Meeting of the Southern Regional Council was held in the Board Room at Atlanta University on Wednesday, November 10, 1954, at 10:00 a.m. Mr. Marion A. Wright, president, was in the chair.

There were present:

BOARD MEMBERS

Abram, Morris B.
**Aycox, Mrs. N. B.
Barbare, Ralph
Bates, Mrs. W. F.
**Beckman, F. Woods
Birnie, Mrs. Cassandra
**Brazeal, B. R.
**Brimm, Hugh
Brooke, W. C.
**Brooks, J. T.
**Clement, A. J.
Clement, R. E.
**Crate, Mrs. James S.
Dent, A. W.
Duncan, O. D.
**Foster, Richard J.
Gomillion, C. G.
Griffin, John A.
Haas, Leonard
Hancock, Gordon B.
**Lewis, Miss Elsie
**Mantinband, Charles
Moron, A. G.
Richards, J. M.
**Sanders, Irwin T.
Shean, M. V.
**Smith, C. Emerson
Sytz, Miss Florence
Wheeler, John H.
Wilkins, Miss Josephine
Wright, Marion A.
Young, Thomas W.

**From State Organizations

STAFF MEMBERS (CENTRAL AND STATE)

*Brantley, Mrs. Elizabeth -- stenographer
*Fleming, Harold C. -- assistant director for information and research
*Hamilton, Mrs. G. T. -- assistant director for program.
*Holden, Miss Anna -- research assistant
Hughes, Mrs. Robert -- for her husband, the executive secretary of the Alabama Division of SRC, who was ill
Jones, Harry S. -- executive secretary of the North Carolina Division
*Mitchell, George S. -- executive director
*Parrish, C. H. -- assistant director for state organizations
*Routh, Fred B. -- assistant director for state organizations
Spearman, Mrs. Alice -- executive secretary of the South Carolina Division
*Stoney, Miss Katherine -- secretary-treasurer
*Tilly, Mrs. M. E. -- in charge of women's work
Vigo, Milton -- executive secretary of the Louisiana Council on Human Relations
Wells, Guy H. -- executive secretary of the Georgia Committee on Interracial Cooperation

*Central Office Staff

Invocation was offered by Rabbi Charles Mantinband.

Rufus E. Clement, on behalf of Atlanta University, extended a welcome to those present.

Marion A. Wright, as president, made the attached statement.

Mr. R. E. Clement, as chairman of the executive committee, reported to the Board as attached. The Board, on motion, accepted the report of the executive committee and ordered it carried in the Minutes of the meeting.

The president asked for opinions from the group as to the actions taken by the executive committee in the matter of the various charges made against the Council. Rabbi Mantinband and others sustained the view of the executive committee that so long as the charges came from irresponsible sources it was not incumbent upon the Council to answer them publicly; but brought out the opinion that individual Board members were not relieved of the duty to make known through private channels the untruth of the various charges.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The executive director after making arrangements for a special luncheon gathering of the state chairmen and vice-chairmen reported as follows:

New South. He reviewed the principal issues of New South since the last Board meeting, stating that various issues had pushed inquiry into the breakdown of segregation into the fields of public recreation, public libraries and churches. He announced the receipt from the Field Foundation of a grant of $15,000 to be available to the Southern Regional Council covering the three year period beginning January 1, 1955, with the first year's grant set at $7,000 and diminishing amounts for the succeeding two years. This grant had been made to encourage the expansion and improvement of New South.

Special Travel. Reference was made to the arrangement under which Mr. Robert Menefee of Berea College had been engaged to travel in the Appalachian South during the Summer of 1954. Then attention was called to a report on that travel in the October, 1954 issue of New South. The travel had strengthened the view of the executive director that the most fruitful way to proceed in all these matters was by the comparatively expensive method of personal interview. This was the more sustained by the excellent experience the Council has had in arranging with the National Council of Churches and other religious bodies to send into the South, for brief periods of directed travel, a succession of ministers or lay people with a special interest in getting the view of churchmen more widely understood in the present controversy on the schools.

Williamsburg Conference. The conference held at Williamsburg, Virginia, May 6-9 was described. The Council served merely as the convening agency in a meeting of some twenty-odd persons to discuss next steps and program plans in the light of the then impending decision of the Supreme Court on public school segregation. The report of the Williamsburg Conference was exhibited and the statement made that a considerable number of presently on-going programs appeared to have their genesis in that gathering.

Foreign Guests. Reference was made to a request by the Council to a foundation for modest assistance to the Council in caring for the staff effort required in the entertainment and instruction of the considerable series of foreign visitors who were now in the habit of coming to the Southern Regional Council for information on Southern matters.

Information Proposal. Further reference was made to a request for funds to enable the Council to enlarge its information program. This would include employment of special staff to rework for maximum effectiveness in the South the past and present research material in the field of intergroup relations. Another component of the same program would be the drawing up from the Council's new state staff of further needed research projects, and the parcelling out of such projects to appropriate universities or other agencies.

Labor Institutes. The activities of the executive director in devoting a good deal of time during the past year to institutes held by the two principal labor organizations -- A. F. of L. and the C.I.O. -- were described. These had included a one-week training session for the A. F. of L. in Kentucky, two sessions with C.I.O. schools in North Carolina, and a Southeastern A. F. of L. Labor School in Virginia. The executive director reported that he had been pleased to find the labor movement disposed to be quite helpful in assisting the expansion of unsegregated education and other civil rights.

Church Conferences. Further report was made on work done by the executive director, by Mrs. Tilly, and by others on the staff in reaching, on invitation, various church conferences held in the South.

Attacks on SRC. Touching upon the matter of the charges against the Council by various political figures in Georgia, the executive director stated that it had been with some difficulty that he had, on each occasion, bowed to the wish of the executive committee that the charges be not further spread by specific answer on behalf of the Council itself. He stated that there was under review in the staff and the executive committee a proposal to issue at an early date a pamphlet reviewing the ten-year history of the Southern Regional Council. Which pamphlet, it was hoped, would be an alternative answer to the baseless accusations so loosely made.

Personnel. The enlargement of the staff of the central office was described and the new personnel and their principal duties touched upon. The central office staff now consists of the executive director, an assistant director for program, two assistant directors for state organizations, and an assistant director for information and research. The clerical personnel has also been modestly enlarged.

Equal Penalties. Poor progress was reported with the project of the Commission on Equal Penalties. The bulk of the funds collected for the project had been spent during the Summer in an effort to obtain additional factual information which might serve as a basis for the findings of the Commission to be impaneled. In the tentative judgments of the staff, the findings were not yet of sufficient volume to warrant their impaneling a specific commission on them, and the only present plan was for continued effort to obtain further facts, and the impaneling at a later date of a Commission which might advise the South as to appropriate consideration by the provision of the law, by the courts, and by the public in the South.

State Organizations. Turning to the new programs with the state organizations, the executive director spoke of the beginning of the Commission on Interracial Cooperation, to which the Southern Regional Council is successor, in starting in nine Southern states an agency to deal with the problems of race. The Southern precedent thus set had borne fruit in the expansion in the years during and since World War II into the North and West of quite similar agencies. In those areas the new agencies as state or municipal commissions had had expanding life or ready support, whereas the Southern Regional Council had not found the resources and opportunity to cause state organizations to grow appropriately in the South itself. The grant from the Fund for the Republic, said Mr. Mitchell, had been obtained on a plea that the Council would use its energy and the major part of the proceeds of the grant to get going in each of a dozen Southern states voluntary agencies in the field of race relations which, it was hoped, could continue independent growth after an initial three-year period of subsidy.

State Representatives. Seven of these new state agencies the Council regards as established, and it was possible to introduce as their executive secretaries: Thomas Sutherland, Texas Commission on Race Relations; Mrs. Robert Hughes, representing the executive secretary of the Alabama Division of the Southern Regional Council; Mrs. Alice Spearman, executive secretary of the South Carolina Division of the Southern Regional Council; Mr. Guy Wells, executive secretary of the Georgia Committee on Interracial Cooperation; Harry S. Jones, executive secretary of the North Carolina Division of the Southern Regional Council; and Milton Vigo, executive secretary of the Louisiana Council on Human Relations. The Kentucky Council on Human Relations was described as being fully organized, but as having by choice refrained as yet from employing personnel. It was represented by its chairman, Mr. Hugh Brimm, and an additional active member, Mr. Irwin Sanders. The Department of Christian Social Relations of the Virginia Council of Churches was represented by its chairman, Reverend W. C. Brooke, and its secretary, Reverend C. Emerson Smith. The Tennessee Division of the Southern Regional Council, has lately been re-organized and was represented by its temporary president, Mr. F. Woods Beckman, and an active member, Dr. Elsie Lewis. Plans for development of state programs in Arkansas, Mississippi, and Florida, were touched upon.

In the question period on the report of the executive director, matters considered were: The delays in getting programs going in certain of the states; the attacks on the Council, which were, in most remarks, regarded as of slight weight; the importance of the helpful service that the Council is rendering, in cooperation with others, to foreign visitors; and, most particularly, the evident fact that the professional staff thus far engaged by state groups was entirely of the white race.

Bi-racial Staffing. The executive director explained that enough money had been asked for originally to enable the employment of two staff persons in each state at identical salaries, but that the final grant had been a very much lesser sum than had been requested. The Council staff had no alternative but to offer to each state sufficient funds for them to employ one and one-half persons with equal salaries. The Council had at no time suggested that those employed be of either race or either sex. The present personnel employed by the states has been taken on in what had been believed to be in each of the states the best and most effective arrangement. Nevertheless, the staff of those states was conscious of the importance to each state organization of the employment of co-equal professional personnel, and the staff earnestly recommended that each state obtain additional funds to enable employment of personnel in this pattern.

Mr. A. J. Clement of South Carolina, Mr. Dent of Louisiana, Mr. R. E. Clement of Georgia, Mr. Fred Routh, Mr. C. H. Parrish, Rabbi Mantinband, Mrs. G. T. Hamilton, Miss Florence Sytz, Mrs. James S. Crate, Mr. Guy Wells, Mr. M. A. Wright, and others, took part in a full discussion of this matter. At the conclusion of the discussion, on motion the president was asked to appoint a committee to draft , during the noon hour, a resolution which should express the Council's interest in the establishing of bi-racial professional staff in each of the twelve existing state organizations.

The president appointed to this committee, Mr. R. E. Clement, Mr. A. W. Dent, and Mr. J. H. Wheeler.

Dr. Howard Odum. A resolution was introduced by Mr. Gordon B. Hancock and carried unanimously, as follows:

> WHEREAS, Howard W. Odum, the profoundest student of Southern life and its most illuminating teacher, has been taken from us,
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> And WHEREAS, Dr. Odum was one of the principal organizers and the first president of the Southern Regional Council,
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> Now THEREFORE, we who continue in the Southern Regional Council resolve to follow with renewed vigor the broad humanitarian goals which were Howard Odum's goals for the South.

Finance Report. Miss Katherine Stoney, secretary-treasurer, laid the attached finance figures before the Board and gave a verbal review of the more important items. The various members of the Board and the executive director emphasized the importance of obtaining added support, both for the central office and for the new state organizations.

State Programs. Mrs. Hamilton said that we have entered upon a new period in the South, a new era in which paternalism is dead. And the various state organizations as they struggle more deeply into their work would perceive that the task ahead of them requires sums greatly in excess of the small amount called for in the finance figures. She then suggested that the sums attained would depend upon the sort of program which would be developing in the states, and that the same applied to the operation of the central office. Mr. Foster, Mr. Dent, Rabbi Mantinband, Mr. Moron, and others suggested the importance of further program and policy leads from the central office. The executive director read from Memorandum #1, a basic document issued to the state organizations shortly after receipt of the grant from the Fund for the Republic as follows:

PROGRAM

Any or all of the following specific programs are clearly desirable.

1. Education of public opinion toward implementation of whatever may be the decision of the U. S. Supreme Court in the school segregation cases. Negotiation with responsible local or state officers toward such implementation.

2. Extension of improved agricultural opportunities

3. Informed comment on undemocratic features of state or local government.

4. Community self-surveys. (We strongly urge that in each state at least one such self-survey be worked out each year.) This can be a means of finding the most important local needs and local interests, as well as a means of getting representatives of all racial groups in a community to work together on discovering and meeting problems of common concern.

5. The development of opportunities for education in human relations in the schools.

6. Police administration and training.

7. The improved handling of race in the news.

8. Furthering equal justice

9. Implementation of laws and regulations against segregation in interstate common carriers.

10. Opening of occupational and professional associations to members of racial minorities.

11. Increasing employment opportunities based on merit.

12. Extension of social welfare opportunities.

13. Increasing and improving housing.

14. Education for representation of minorities on Boards and Commissions and other normal channels of government.

Further discussion by Miss Sytz, Mr. Foster, Mr. R. E. Clement, and others, looked toward stronger leadership from Atlanta as to state programs.

The meeting adjourned for lunch at 12:30 p.m. and reassembled at 1:45 p.m.

Amendments to the By-Laws

Upon motions duly made and seconded the following amendments to the By-Laws were made:

ARTICLE I. NAME AND AREA to read: ARTICLE I. NAME, AREA AND PURPOSE

Add Section 3 as follows:

Section 3. Purposes. The purposes of the Southern Regional Council are to exist and function as an eleemosynary organization, and more particularly to organize and maintain a Regional Council and to cooperate with affiliated state organizations in the Southern Region for the improvement of economic, civic, and racial conditions, in the endeavor to promote a greater unity in the South in all efforts towards regional and racial development; to attain through research and action programs the ideals and practices of equal opportunity for all peoples in the region; to reduce race tension, the basis of racial tension, racial misunderstanding, and racial distrust; to develop and integrate leadership in the South on new levels of regional development and fellowship; and to cooperate with local, state, regional, and national agencies on all levels in the attainment of the desired objectives. The Council shall not engage in carrying on propaganda or otherwise attempt to influence legislation nor engage in any form of political activities.

ARTICLE II. MEMBERS

Amend Section 1. Members. A3 to read:

3. The president, the vice-presidents, the counsel, the treasurer, the executive director, and assistant directors shall also be ex-officio members.

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Amend Section 1. Executive Committee. to read:

The Council shall provide for an Executive Committee of not more than nine (9) members in addition to the president and vice-presidents, treasurer and counsel; the executive director and the assistant directors shall also be ex-officio members of the Committee, but without the right to vote. The Executive Committee shall serve during the pleasure of the Council and may be discharged and the Committee abolished at any time by the Council. Unless one of the members shall have been designated as chairman by the Council, the Executive Committee shall elect a chairman from its own number. During the intervals between the meetings of the Council the Executive Committee shall possess and may exercise all of the powers of the corporation, conferred by these by-laws or the charter of the corporation, in all cases in which specific directions shall not have been given by the Council. The Executive Committee shall keep full and fair accounts of its transactions. All action by the Executive Committee shall be reported to the Council at its meeting next succeeding such action, and shall be subject to revision and alterations by the Council; provided that no rights of third persons shall be affected by any such revision or alteration. Vacancies in the Executive Committee shall be filled by the Council.

Correct Section 2. Meetings of Executive Committee. to read:

The Executive Committee shall fix its own rules of procedure, and shall meet as provided by such rules or by resolution of the Council, and it shall also meet at the call of the chairman or of any three members of the Committee. A quorum of the Executive Committee shall consist of not less than five (5) members of the Committee. If necessary, members of the Executive Committee may by written notice appoint a proxy from among the members of the Council to attend and vote on behalf of such members.

ARTICLE VI. OFFICERS

Amend Section 1. Executive Officers. to read:

The executive officers of the corporation shall be a president; one or more vice-presidents, not to exceed four; an executive director; assistant directors; a secretary; and a treasurer. The president and the vice-presidents shall be chosen from among the members of the corporation. The executive director and the associate executive director need not be members at the time of their election, but by virtue of their office shall become ex-officio members of the corporation, with all the privileges of such members. The offices of secretary and treasurer may be held by the same person, but if filled separately, the secretary need not be a member of the corporation. The president and vice-presidents shall be elected annually by the Council. The executive director and assistant directors, secretary-treasurer, and counsel shall be subject to confirmation annually by the Council, upon the recommendation of the Executive Committee. Officers shall hold office until the corresponding meeting in the next year, and until their successors shall have been fully chosen and qualified, or until they shall have resigned or shall have been removed, in the manner provided in Section 13 of this Article. Any vacancy in any of the above offices shall be filled for the unexpired portion of the term by the Council, at any regular or special meeting.

Amend Section 6. Associate Executive Director. to read:

Section 6. Assistant Directors. The assistant directors shall work in cooperation with the executive director in the administration of the program and policies of the Council. In the absence or disability of the executive director, one of the assistant directors will be designated by the executive director, or by the executive committee, to perform, temporarily, the duties of executive director.

The executive director then presented a proposed resolution to the Board re nominating committee, as follows:

WHEREAS Article V. Section 4, of the By-Laws provide that "The Council may by resolution provide for such other standing or special committees as it deems desirable and may discontinue the same at pleasure," therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that a Nominating Committee of not less than five members, three of whom shall be elected by the Council at its annual meeting, one of whom shall be its "ex-officio" member from an affiliated organization, and two of whom shall be appointed by the joint action of the president and the Executive Committee, shall be constituted.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Nominating Committee shall meet at least thirty (30) days before the annual meeting for the purpose of nominating: (1) members of the Council; (2) officers of the Council; (3) members of the Executive Committee; and (4) members of the succeeding Nominating Committee.

Mr. Dent suggested that this resolution would be more binding and more apparent if included in the By-Laws, and upon motion it was requested that the president and the executive committee be empowered at the next meeting of the Executive Committee to reshape this resolution and incorporate it appropriately into the By-Laws of the Council.

Office of Treasurer

The executive director stated that the proposal for the creation of the office of treasurer was advanced in order to facilitate fund-raising by the Council. He stated that an appropriate individual for this office had been selected and approached, but had not agreed to take it.

Upon motion duly made and seconded the following resolution was adopted.

RESOLVED that for the current year the Executive Committee is hereby authorized, empowered, and directed to elect a treasurer whose duties and term of office shall be as set forth in the By-Laws of the Corporation.

RESOLVED ALSO that the election and installation of the treasurer of the Corporation shall be accomplished as soon as possible after the annual meeting of the membership being held on November 10, 1954.

Resolution on Bi-Racial Staff

Mr. Wheeler, for the special committee appointed by the president at the morning session, reported as follows, and upon motion this resolution was adopted:

RESOLVED that the Council in annual session hereby urge the several state organizations or committees which are affiliated with the Council to give careful and thoughtful consideration to the statement made by the Executive Director in his memorandum #6 of September 23, 1954, having to do with the matter of bi-racial staff for the state organizations, believing that only by this means may the maximum be achieved both to effective development of program and formal support -- the full text of his statement being as follows:

> "We have recognized that the 'effective human relations service' which state organizations will be establishing in the months ahead requires the assistance of both white and Negro professional staff members. This is necessary in order that the staff of state organizations provide evidence in their makeup of a working relationship of equals in behalf of the common welfare, and for perhaps the even more important reason, that the insights of both Negro and white staff members are needed in the task of extending the areas of communication across racial lines throughout the state -- a basic purpose of our state organizations."

RESOLVED ALSO that the central staff is hereby requested to see that this policy is implemented on the regional level and to offer its assistance and encouragement towards its implementation on the state level.

Nominations and Elections

The president called for the report of the nominating committee which was composed of Mr. J. H. Wheeler, Mr. Morris Abram, Mrs. E. U. Robinson, Mrs. Marion Paul, and Mr. Guy Johnson. Mrs. Paul, and Mrs. Robinson had not been present at the meeting, but it had been possible to consult with Mrs. Robinson usefully by telephone as to the nominations proposed.

For the seven vacancies on the Board, the committee placed in nomination: Dr. Philip Weltner, former chancellor of Oglethorpe University, Atlanta, Georgia; Mr. Philip Hammer, the Hammer Company, Atlanta, Georgia; Mr. I. H. Burney, Afro-American Life Insurance Company, Jacksonville, Florida; Mr. Edward Norton, Birmingham, Alabama; Mr. Hodding Carter, Editor of the Delta Democrat-Times, Greenville, Mississippi; Bishop W. T. Watkins, M. E. Church, Louisville, Kentucky; and Mr. Jerome K. Crossman, Ryan Petroleum Corporation, Dallas, Texas

There being no further nominations from the floor from the Board at large, these nominees were duly elected

The committee then made further nominations of three alternates in case any of those just elected might fail in acceptance, and these nominations were: Attorney Hugo Black, Jr., Birmingham, Alabama; Attorney Hollis Rinehart, Miami, Florida; and Mr. Thomas Robinson of the Charlotte News, Charlotte, North Carolina. The alternates were then duly and conditionally elected.

Mr. Wheeler for the nominating committee suggested the following persons to serve on the nominating committee in accordance with the amended procedure: Dr. B. E. Mays, Morehouse College, Atlanta; Mr. Philip Hammer, Glenn Building, Atlanta, Georgia; Reverend Hugh Brimm, Carver School of Missions and Social Work, Louisville, Kentucky. These persons were duly elected.

For membership on the executive committee, the following nominations were made by the nominating committee: Miss Josephine Wilkins of Atlanta, Georgia; Mr. Morris Abram of Atlanta, Georgia; Mr. McDowell Richards at Columbia Seminary, Decatur, Georgia; Mr. Rufus E. Clement, Atlanta, Georgia; Mrs. C. Birnie, Atlanta, Georgia; Very Reverend Maurice V. Shean, Rock Hill, South Carolina; Mr. John Griffin, Atlanta, Georgia; Mr. H. V. Richardson, Gammon Theological Seminary, Atlanta, Georgia; Mr. Paul Christopher, Knoxville, Tennessee. These persons were duly elected.

These officers were elected by the Board: president - Marion A. Wright, Linville Falls, North Carolina; vice-president - Carter Wesley, Houston, Texas; vice-president - Gordon B. Hancock, Richmond Virginia; vice-president - Harry Ashmore, Little Rock, Arkansas; and vice-president - Albert W. Dent, New Orleans, Louisiana.

Various of the new persons in from the states were then introduced to the Board.

Central Direction of State Programs

Discussion turned to the degree to which policy control over the state organizations should be exerted from the central office. Miss Sytz, Mr. Abram, Mr. Dent, Miss Wilkins, Father Shean, Mr. Parrish, and others, voiced the general view that the program being engaged in was like a grant-in-aid program which ought to carry with it a considerable degree of leadership and, if need be, direction in policy and program. The executive director, while agreeing to the importance of central direction, emphasized also the importance of so launching and working with the state movements that they would have the maximum opportunity to grow into independent agencies. At the conclusion of the discussion a motion was proposed and carried that each state organization be asked to submit to the central office a plan of its program for the year 1955, and that this be submitted by January 1, 1955.

Reference having been made to the arrangement under which the state organizations will be sending in monthly activity reports, upon motion the responsibility was placed upon the central office staff to make available to all state agencies the information contained in monthly reports from each group which the central staff considers useful and necessary.

Mr. R. E. Clement having referred to the address which Mr. Marion Wright had delivered at the recent testimonial dinner in tribute to J. Waties Waring, a round of applause was given to Mr. Wright.

Mrs. Tilly reported on her work with church women. Further words of praise for this were added by Miss Sytz.

Personnel Questionnaire

Scattered discussion then took place on the matter of the direction of the executive committee, at its meeting July 30, that employed professional and clerical personnel in the central office and in the state organizations execute a form attesting that they had not been and were not presently affiliated with organizations disloyal to the form of government of the United States.

On question from Board members as to the power to overrule the action of the executive committee, Article V, Section 1 of the By-Laws was read to the Board as follows:

> ". . . All action by the Executive Committee shall be reported to the Council at its meeting next succeeding such action, and shall be subject to revision and alterations by the Council; provided that no rights of third persons shall be affected by any such revision or alteration. . . ."

Various members expressed reluctance to overrule the action of the executive committee, and the meeting moved to adjournment without action other than the original acceptance of the report of the Executive Committee.

Enclosures - (1) Address of the President of SRC
(2) Report of the Chairman of the Executive Committee
(3) Finance Report

NOMINATIONS FOR OFFICERS

President - Marion A. Wright, Linville Falls, N.C.

Vice-President - Carter Wesley, Houston, Texas

Vice-President - Gordon B. Hancock, Richmond, Va.

Vice-President - Harry Ashmore, Little Rock, Ark.
(Editor of Arkansas Gazette)

Vice-President - Albert W. Dent, New Orleans, La.

Treasurer - J. R. Shelor, Atlanta, Ga. declined.
(Vice-President, Fulton Atlanta Bank)

For Nominating Committee

Dr. B. E. Mays, Morehouse College, Atlanta

Mr. Philip Hammer, Glenn Bldg, Atlanta

Rev. Hugh Brim, ~~Southern Baptist Theological Seminary~~, Louisville, Ky.

for the current year

Resolution re Treasurer

RESOLVED - that the Executive Committee be and is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to elect a treasurer whose duties and term of office shall be as set forth in the By-Laws of the Corporation.

RESOLVED also - that the election and installation of the treasurer of the corporation shall be accomplished as soon as possible after the annual meeting of the membership being held on November 10, 1954.

Nominationf to fill 7 vacancies in the membership

Dr. Philip Weltner, Former Chancellor of Oglethorpe University
Atlanta, Ga.

Mr. Philip Hammer, The Hammer Co., Atlanta, Ga.

Mr. I. H. Burney, Afro-American Life Ins. Co., Atlanta

Mr. Edward Norton, Birmingham, Ala. — alternate ~~Justice~~ atty Hugo Black Jr

Mr. Hodding Carter, Editor Democrat-Times, Greenville, Miss. **(alternate
(Thos. Robinson,
(Charlotte Observer
(Charlotte, N.C

Bishop W. T. Watkins, (M.E. Church)

Conference includes Kentucky, parts of west Tenn. including Memphis

Hollis Rinehart, atty
Nashville.

~~MXXJXXXXX~~

Mr. Jerome K. Crossman , Ryan Petroleum Corp., Dallas, Texas

~~Ryanxx~~

Nominations for members of Executive Committee

Present Members	Proposed members
Dr. Rufus E.Clement	Rev. McDowell Richards
Mrs. C. M. Birnie	Miss Josephine Wilkins
Rev. Maurice Shean	Mr. Morris Abram
John Griffin	
Dr. H. V. Richardson	
Mr. Paul Christopher	

Ex. Comm.

Memo . . . FROM THE DESK OF
. . . GEORGE S. MITCHELL . . .

Amt needed to be raised
per mo - May 1 - Sept 30, '55 - 5 mos
= 2.366.50
5
11.832.50 or 12.000

Expected income

May, 1955	3,300	estimated
CIO	1,000	
Steel	1,000	
Meth	1,200	
Executive Comm.	700	
Board.	~~3~~500	
Literature	400	
New South	500	
Labses 9TH		
Mayo 300		
Aug. 625	1075	
A.H. 150		
Hono	400	
	10,075	

Shortfall 2,000
Travel for CH 400

Shortfall 2,500

40,000

Memo . . . FROM THE DESK OF
. . . GEORGE S. MITCHELL . . .

In the 18 mos after April 1, 55
we were obligated to
raise 40,000

Raised:

1954 -	2nd Quarter	6.926.60
	3rd Quarter	3.911.40
	4th Quarter	11.669.80
		22.507.80
1955	1st Quarter	14.685
	April	1,522
	May - estimated	3.000
		41.714
Whitney		1,500
		43,214
Estimated to raise - June, July, Aug. Sept.		10.075
		53,289
Blue returns		2,500
		55.789

Whereas Howard W. Odum, the profoundest student of Southern life and its most illuminating teacher, has been taken from us,

And whereas Dr. Odum was one of the principal organizers and the first President of the Southern Regional Council,

Now therefore we who continue in the Southern Regional Council resolve to follow with renewed vigor the broad humanitarian goals which were Howard Odum's goals for the South.

WALTER P. REUTHER
PRESIDENT

JOHN V. RIFFE
EXECUTIVE VICE-PRESIDENT

JAMES B. CAREY
SECRETARY-TREASURER

Congress of Industrial Organizations

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January 12, 1954

Mr. George S. Mitchell
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Mr. Mitchell:

Mr. Christopher telephoned me from Washington today and advised that it is imperative that he be in Washington on January 20th.

Since he had hoped to attend the meeting of the SRC Executive Committee to be held in Atlanta on January 20th, he asked that I write you and tell you that he is very sorry he can not be with you on that date.

Sincerely,

Lillian Roehl

Lillian Roehl, Secretary to
Paul R. Christopher

January 13, '54

Morris B. Abram, Esq.
Healey Building
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Morris,

Suppose that in 1858 the editor of a great Southern newspaper - say in Charleston - had written, "On slavery, the jig is up. The problem of our time is to find out how to get along without it". That single editorial could well have warded off the Civil War.

This time this fellow did it. Opinion was hardening all about him. Governors and attorneys general and highpowered politician-lawyers were reaching into the South's old trick-bag for ways of perpetuating, by law, a set of institutions which public opinion in the rest of the country, in the rest of the world, and just perceptibly here in the South finds old-timey, hurtful, and un-American. And McGill said, "Be your age. This one's done. Let's find out how to lay it aside, and keep going".

My business is travelling all over the South, talking with white and Negro people about just this question. And in the first month after McGill's editorial people spoke of it to me in Richmond and Nashville and Greensboro and Mobile. Spoke of it with reverence, perceiving that his words meant the doom of a whole system of dishonesty. We reprinted it in our small magazine, for still more people to see, and ponder.

What he did was the more remarkable because the leading paper in any State capital city usually plays ball. Such a paper is the organ, for the whole State, of its government. It doesn't have to like the crowd that's in power for the time-being, but it doesn't nag them, and it rarely bucks them. Here was a time when the editor of such a paper wrote out of conscience and a sense of history, and out of nothing else.

And when the history-books are written, every one of them will quote leading sentences from what McGill said on December 1, 1953. That crack of truth put the defenders of the traditional South on the losing side, publicly. And the chances are that it took the fight out of most of them. Which kind and time of editorial-writing is statesmanship and patriotism, the best we have.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell

TELEPHONE 3-3036

L. E. THOMAS
ATTORNEY AND COUNSELOR AT LAW
1035 N. W. SECOND AVENUE
MIAMI 36, FLORIDA

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1 February 1954

Dr. George S. Mitchell, Executive Director
Southern Reginal Council, Inc.
63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Dr. Mitchell:

This will acknowledge reciept of your letter of November 25, 1953, and my apology for delay in reply thereto. I am honored to accept a directorship on your Board for the period of two years and trust that I shall be able to attend some meetings in any event.

Yours very truly,

L E Thomas

L. E. Thomas

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Bd.

February 4, 1954

Dr. Rufus E. Clement
Atlanta University
223 Chestnut, S.W.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. Clement:

Here is one worth looking at. Please try to get at least the flavor of it. We have good prospects of a cooperative arrangement with various Church Boards which would get most parts of the South covered in this way.

I think it a most promising device.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive-Director

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February 4, 1954

Dr. Albert W. Dent
Office of the President
Dillard University
New Orleans, Louisiana

Dear Dr. Dent:

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George S. Mitchell
Executive-Director

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Mr. John A. Griffin
Emory University
Atlanta, Georgia

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Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive-Director

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February 4, 1954

Dr. Gordon B. Hancock
Virginia Union University
Box 6056
Richmond, Virginia

Dear Dr. Hancock:

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Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive-Director

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February 4, 1954

Mr. Alfred Mynders, Editor
Chattanooga Times
Chattanooga, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Mynders:

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George S. Mitchell
Executive-Director

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Dr. Harry V. Richardson
Gammon Theological Seminary
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. Richardson:

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George S. Mitchell
Executive-Director

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February 4, 1954

Rev. A. S. Turnipseed
1429 Gilmer Avenue
Montgomery, Alabama

Dear Reverend Turnipseed:

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Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive-Director

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February 4, 1954

Mr. Carter Wesley
P. O. Box 3086
Houston 1, Texas

Dear Mr. Wesley:

Here is one worth looking at. Please try to get at least the flavor of it. We have good prospects of a cooperative arrangement with various Church Boards which would get most parts of the South covered in this way.

I think it a most promising device.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive-Director

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February 5, 1954

Dr. Ralph Barbare
Winthrop Training School
Rock Hill, S. C.

Dear Dr. Barbare:

I know the affinity between mimeographed stuff and the wpb. But this one is worth fishing out and reading good stretches of.

The National Council of Churches has promised us some more people to do this job in other parts of the South; and we are trying to persuade various denominational bodies to help similarly. If we could cover the South in this manner, it would be a major contribution.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive-Director

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Encl. Vastine Report

SAME LETTER SENT TO FOLLOWING:

Ulysses S. Bonds - Madison, Arkansas
Rt. Rev. Chas. Clingman - 421 So. Second St.
Louisville, Kentucky
S. Thomas Friedman - Southwestern Jewish Community
Relations Council
Houston, Texas
Rabbi Chas. Mantinband - 808 Mamie Street
Hattiesburg, Miss.
Dr. B. E. Mays - Morehouse College, Atlanta, Ga.
Dr. B. A. McDowell - Southern Baptist Theological
Seminary - Wake Forrest, N.C.
Dr. Clyde Milner - Guilford College, N.C.
Rt. Rev. E.A. Penick-802 Hillsboro St., Raleigh, N.C.
Dr. J.L. Reddix - Jackson College, Jackson, Miss.
Mrs. E. U. Robinson - 675 N. Waters St.
Gallatin, Tenn.
Mrs. E.H. Spearman - 1511 Laurel St., Columbia, S.C.
Mrs. Tommie Stroud - 3225 Maple Ave., Waco, Texas
Miss Florence Sytz - Tulane School of Social Work
New Orleand, La.

ATLANTA UNIVERSITY
ATLANTA, GEORGIA

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

February 9, 1954

Dr. George S. Mitchell
Executive-Director
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Doctor Mitchell:

Thank you for sending me a copy of Mr. Vastine's report. I think that this report indicates an excellent manner in which we might proceed with our program for covering the South.

With kind regards.

Sincerely yours,

Rufus E. Clement

REC:c

MOREHOUSE COLLEGE

ATLANTA, GEORGIA

OFFICE OF THE DEAN

February 9, 1954

Dr. George S. Mitchell
Executive Director
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Dr. Mitchell:

I appreciate your saying that you will write a letter in support of my application for a Social Science Research Grant-in-Aid. They will write to you in order to get the information and will send you a copy of the outline of my project. If they do not write to you then I feel that they will be willing to base their action on previous letters which you and one or two other persons wrote in my behalf about two years ago. I had a talk with Mr. Elbridge Sibley, Executive Associate of the Social Science Research Council, when he was in Atlanta a few days ago. He seemed interested in the research which I have been doing and propose to do.

I agree with you that it would be a good idea if someone would work with the cases involving legal interpretations and rulings as headed by state and municipal FEPC commissions.

I appreciate your letting me know of the compilation which Henry Spitz has worked out.

With every kind wish, I am

Yours sincerely,

Brazeal

B. R. Brazeal
Dean

BRB:J

Brazeal

Social Science Research Council

WASHINGTON OFFICE
726 Jackson Place, N. W., Washington 6, D. C.

REQUEST FOR CONFIDENTIAL REPORT ON APPLICATION FOR A GRANT

The applicant for a grant from the Social Science Research Council whose name appears at the top of the enclosed "Confidential Report" blank has referred us to you for judgment of his qualifications and of the project described in his statement of which a copy is also enclosed.

In considering applications for grants, our committees face the task of distributing funds which are far from sufficient to meet all meritorious requests. Therefore we hope that you will not confine your reply to a perfunctory endorsement but will comment as critically as may be warranted by your acquaintance with the applicant and his project.

So that your report can be reproduced and sent to members of the committee well in advance of the meeting at which awards will be made, will you kindly return it, along with the copy of the applicant's project description, at your earliest convenience?

Your report will be held in strict confidence.

Elbridge Sibley
Executive Associate

(gr) 10.52

Bd

February 5, 1954

Mr. B. R. Brazeal
Morehouse College
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dean Brazeal:

Of course, delighted to write to the Social Science Research Council; but they have not as yet queried me. Should I write to them anyhow, or should I wait for request from them?

The General Counsel for the New York SCAD is Henry Spitz, 270 Broadway. I met him in New York the other day and he told me that partially in pursuance of some pushing I had done at him, he had put together in a mimeographed volume done for NAIRO a tracing-out of the proliferating case-law on fair employment, bringing into it nearly all the active state commissions. I have perhaps talked to you about the importance of getting all of this Law-In-A-New-Field put together in order. He promised me he would send me a copy of what he did. Anyhow, a notation of the existence of such a first codification ought to be in your files. Some 20th-century Blackstone will do the job importantly.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive-Director

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January 22, 1954

Mr. George S. Mitchell
Southern Regional Council
Wesley Memorial Building
63 Auburn Avenue
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Mitchell:

I have made an application for a research grant-in-aid from the Social Science Research Council. I took the liberty of using your name as a reference with the hope that you would be willing to write a statement to the Council about my training and research interest. I am attempting to get a grant in order to make a study of the functional extension of FEPC(fair employment practice committee) in federal, state and municipal areas since June 30, 1946. I became interested in making this study when I was working out a history of the President's Fair Employment Practice Committee as it functioned during the Second World War.

Just yesterday, I mailed a revised copy of my manuscript on FEPC to Lambert Davis, Director of the University of North Carolina Press. I hope that this manuscript will be published within the next four or five months.

I certainly hope that everything goes well with you.

Yours sincerely,

Brazeal

B. R. Brazeal
Dean

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February 23, 1954

Dr. George S. Mitchell
Executive Director
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Dr. Mitchell:

Thank you for the copy of your report to the Board of Directors for the year 1953, and the financial statement which you enclosed.

Very truly yours,

C. G. Gomillion

C. G. Gomillion
Dean of Students

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A. J. CLEMENT, JR.
DISTRICT MANAGER

Station "A" Box 2036
Charleston, S. C.

March 1, 1954

Dr. George S. Mitchell
Executive Director - Southern Regional Council
63 Auburn Avenue N. E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Dr. Mitchell:

Over the week-end I read with interest your report to the Board of Directors for year 1953.

I found much valuable and revealing information in this report and I want you to know that I appreciate the devotion to An Ideal on your part as can be easily observed in your activities throughout your connection with the Southern Regional Council.

I feel quite certain that in the not too distant future there will come to you the reward that ultimately comes to all men of kindred spirit who have an abiding faith in the dignity and potentialities wrapped up in the human personality.

Very sincerely yours,

A. J. Clement, Jr.

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Acted by Board with
Gen. March 7. '54

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March 31, 1954

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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

Mr. George S. Mitchell
Southern Regional Council
Wesley Memorial Building
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Mitchell:

I am sending you a copy of a letter which I have just received from Mrs. Chauncey Waddell, requesting copies of the February issue of New South. Please send her as many copies as you have available.

With kindest regards, I am

Yours truly,

Benjamin E. Mays
President

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Encl.

Mrs. Chauncey L. Waddell
1 Beekman Place
New York 22, New York

March 25, 1954

Dr. Benjamin E. Mays
Office of the President
Morehouse College
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Bennie:

Thanks ever so much for sending me the printed copy of your fine radio address - "We Are Unnecessarily Excited" - as it appeared in the February issue of New South. I am so very glad to have this, Bennie, because I feel what you have said needs badly to be said and this will reach a large audience.

I would like to know how expensive it would be to get a good number of these - say probably 50 to 100 - to send out to some of the Fund's most interested contributors up here in New York. If you can, let me know in the near future - otherwise, we can talk about it when I see you at Board meeting time in Atlanta. There is no rush about it, but I know how interested some people would be in what you have said.

Best wishes always and looking forward to seeing you and Sadie in April,

Sincerely yours,

/s/

Catherine

Duncan, O.D.

Ret to Bd.
9 SM

Oklahoma
Agricultural and Mechanical College
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY AND RURAL LIFE
STILLWATER

April 7, 1954

Dr. George S. Mitchell
Southern Regional Council
Room 432, 63 Auburn Ave. N. E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear George:

This is to reply to your letter of April 2, 1954, relative to grants by the Fund of the Republic to expedite programs in twelve southern states.

I am not sure that Oklahoma is an area which justifies a great deal of effort toward interracial understanding. While we have the Jim Crow principle here, it is considerably less virile than in most southern states. I am told that under Oklahoma laws, Jim Crow-ism applies to only two areas of activity, education and travel. My understanding is that restaurants, hotels, parks, restrictive covenants, etc. invoke racial segregation only by tradition. Of course, that may be even more vicious than legal discrimination, since it often deprives people of rights which are legally theirs.

Oklahoma has never had a voting discrimination against Negroes, not even in the Democratic Party. I suppose it has been possible for a Negro to vote in Oklahoma longer than in any other southern state, although we are the newest state in the South.

There are two matters which should be known about Oklahoma. First, our school law provides for district support of majority schools and county support for minority or separate schools. Where the majority of the people are Negroes (Langston, Taft, Boley, Dunjee, etc.), Whites cannot serve as members of the boards of education, and they constitute separate schools. Where Whites are in the majority, Negroes make up the separate schools and they cannot serve on the boards of education. Second, we have no "right to work" law in Oklahoma.

I think the N.A.A.C.P., and other groups, should be informed of these facts so that efforts will be made to obviate them. Both conditions hurt Negroes more often than Whites, although they do not injure Negroes exclusively.

As to hotels, restaurants, and parks, Oklahoma is more liberal than, say, Alabama or Mississippi. Still, it is not safe for a Negro to present himself for service at such places. Here we have a twilight zone with feeble racial barriers, which seem to stand up by some hook or crook. We still have restrictive land sales, although I believe the Supreme Court has twice declared them unconstitutional.

I think you may over estimate the pace at which we have gone. Very little has been done. This is an active unit of the Urban League in Oklahoma City, and Roscoe Dunjee, editor of The Black Despatch down there, has waged a one-man crusade for a long time. Tulsa, as far as I know, has practically nothing in the way of organization. There is certainly no concerted effort in motion here.

Part of our inertia hangs on the fact that we have too few Negroes to give momentum to any attempt to do away with discrimination here. Muskogee is a peculiar place. It has not had a segregated residential area until recently. Negroes and Whites live there in interspersed settlements, and as long as that pattern was undisturbed Muskogee has relatively few unsightly Negro shacks. It could have been a model community for the study of interracial amity. I am not sure why Negro-nucleated residential areas are beginning to appear in Muskogee.

I shall be glad to learn how the work goes in other states and to be of any help possible. I trust that things are going well with you and the council.

Sincerely yours,

O. D. Duncan

O. D. Duncan, Head
Department of Sociology and Rural Life

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P.S. What this means is that by maintaining a few contact points, as you have in the past, we can pass around in Oklahoma any helpful information. O.D.

April 2, 1954

Mr. O. D. Duncan
Oklahoma A. and M. College
Stillwater, Oklahoma

Dear O. D.:

I hope that April 11 (not before, hofentlich) the papers will carry news that the Fund for the Republic has made a grant to SRC to enable it to get State programs in our sort of thing going in each of twelve Southern States. I take the blame for leaving Oklahoma out, but it was the very dickens to get them to put up enough for twelve State offices, and I just couldn't carry Oklahoma along into the budget.

The truth is I think you are far enough along to be able to do things without this specialized service; or more accurately, without the need for special subsidy to enable whatever program you need to get going. In the other States what we aim at is a program which after three years or so of help can stand on its own feet, either with continuing local private gifts or with State (public) funds. And it seems to me Oklahoma could rustle up the private or public funds when it really feels the need.

What will be available for the other States is a paid executive, getting around $5,000, a clerk, and necessary office expenses, with every two States sharing the help of a (Negro) associate executive. This office doesn't grow importantly; the effort is to get the work moving in the States.

I wanted you to have the news ahead of time.

If Oklahoma soon, or later on, should want to set up something of the kind and we could help with advice, or training-swaps,

or even with money to cover a trip or two, we would want to do whatever of that nature we can in recognition that we still think Oklahoma is part of the family of the Southern Region.

And you must stay on our Board, and tie us in someway.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:m

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April 10, '54

Dear Mr. Dent,

We missed you, but agreed that your call of duty there came first.

Board meeting, or rather Executive Comm. mtg. went all right, with everyone pleased about the grant. Much making of plans for working in each State with paid personnel.

I am determined that we shall get genuine decentralization. This is a job for the people in each State (and in each community), and it can't be done from here. I am sure, by the way, that Mrs. Adler and her friends will make wise plans, and I know you will give them help. IT is really a great chance for the good parts of the South to come to the fore, and for us, for once, to do something that's right gracefully and cordially and democratically.

We would never have been helped without the steady, drubbing support that you and some others gave us, and I am grateful for it.

Cordially,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

Mr. A. J. Clement, Jr.
North Carolina Mutual
Life Insurance Company
Station "A" Box 2036
Charleston, South Carolina

Dear Mr. Clement:

Mighty nice to have your warm letter of April 10. I believe you (uniquely) had notions ahead of time that we would be helped! More to do, but more to do it with.

We'll be needing a lot of help, and will be calling on all our Board members.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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Station "A" Box 2036
Charleston, S. C.
April 10, 1954

Dr. George S. Mitchell
Executive Director - Southern Regional Conference
Auburn Avenue N. E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. Mitchell:

We were certainly delighted to hear your announcement that a grant of $240,000.00 had been made to the Council by the Ford Foundation.

I think it has been primarily due to your interest and efforts that this favorable tangible consideration has been given.

With our very best wishes.

Very truly yours,

A. J. Clement, Jr.

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April 14, 1954

Mr. S. Thomas Friedman
Southwestern Jewish Community Relations Council
1110 Bissonnet
Houston 5, Texas

Dear Tom:

Many thanks for writing in re new help. They really undertook, with due provision for shortcoming on our part in program or fund-raising, to help us for three and a half years, in a total amount of their contribution going up to nearly $500,000. But it seemed best to release only the news of the grant actually made. So help those good Texas folks get in behind the business. With that long a shove they can get it going.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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Mr. George Mitchel
Southern Regional Council
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Dear George:

I was delighted to receive a Release of April 11th, announcing that the Fund for the Republic has approved a grant of $240,000 to the SRC.

While 18 months seems a bit short in terms of developing a self-sustaining program, I think it can be done.

It looks as though our work would be cut out for us.

With best wishes, I am

Cordially

S. Thomas Friedman
Executive Director

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April 14, 1954

Mr. C. G. Gomillion
Dean of Students
Tuskegee Institute, Alabama

Dear Mr. Gomillion:

Many thanks. More work for us all, but nice to have more to do it with. I am sure your friends in Alabama will make it go. It will take some money-raising, especially if you want to get going before fall of this year, and there will be a continuing problem of financing permanent paid personnel. But you will get more in dues, and you will have real program to show.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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April 13, 1954

Dr. George S. Mitchell
Executive Director
Southern Regional Council
63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. Mitchell:

Thank you for the release which the Executive Committee prepared concerning the two hundred and forty thousand dollar grant which the Fund for the Republic has approved and for the copy of the communication to members of the Board of Directors and to state organization officials. A meeting of the Alabama Division of the Southern Regional Council is scheduled for Thursday afternoon, April 22.

Congratulations on your success in securing this financial assistance. It is my hope that the various states will be able to do the kind of job which you have hoped they would do. I am sure that most of them will succeed.

Sincerely yours,

C. G. Gomillion

C. G. Gomillion
Dean of Students

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May 3, 1954

Mr. Ralph Barbare
Winthrop College
Rock Hill, South Carolina

Dear Mr. Barbare:

That was very considerate of you to send over the clipping on the new Community Council in Rock Hill.

I feel very hopeful that wise planning in South Carolina will give you a really vigorous piece of machinery in a strengthened South Carolina Division.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

July 8, 1954

Mr. Alfred Nymders
Editor
The Chattanooga Times
Chattanooga, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Nymders:

This is in belated appreciation of your effective suggestion to Mr. Lawrence Derthick. I know Phil Coombs of the Fund for the Advancement of Education was delighted to get Mr. Derthick's letter and to have this opportunity to give further distribution to the Ashmore book among school people in the South.

I am looking forward to seeing you at the Executive Committee meeting later this month.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

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ROOM 432, 63 AUBURN AVE[illegible] [illegible]IA

July 20, 1954

A Council to attain, through research and action, the ideals and practices of equal opportunity for all peoples in the South.

Mr. E. W. Palmer
Kingsport Press
Kingsport, Tennessee

deceased

Dear Mr. Palmer:

Two things. The yellow one please read with care. The white one you should have and may care to read. It is a review of the Southern Regional Council's program for the last three months.

The Board will meet November 10, 1954, presumably in Atlanta. Please save the date.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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July 20, 1954

Mr. Morris B. Abram
Attorney-at-Law
Healey Building
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Morris:

Two things. The yellow one please read with care. The white one you should have and may care to read. It is a review of the Southern Regional Council's program for the last three months.

The Board will meet November 10, 1954, presumably in Atlanta. Please save the date.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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GAMMON THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY
ATLANTA, GEORGIA
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

July 22, 1954

Dr. George S. Mitchell
Room 432
63 Auburn Avenue, N.E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. Mitchell:

Thank you for your letter of July 20 and the materials enclosed to President Richardson regarding the Council.

As you know, Dr. Richardson is now in Japan on an evangelistic mission, but your correspondence will be held for his attention when he returns to the office.

Yours sincerely,

Hertha R. Davis
(Mrs. H. A. Davis)
Secretary to Dr. Richardson

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July 26, 1954

Dr. George S. Mitchell, Executive Director
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
Room 432
63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. Mitchell:

Thank you for your letter of July 20 and for the inclosures. I have read all of them. I note that no mention was made of any action having been taken by the Alabama Division of the Southern Regional Council. It is my hope that we shall be able to meet and initiate some action between now and October 1.

I have placed the date, November 10th, on my calendar and endeavor to reserve that date for the meeting of the Board in Atlanta.

Thank you for inclosing the leaflet on the "Christian Conscience and the Decision of the United States Supreme Court Cases". I am sure that many persons will be impressed with, and stimulated to action by this effort on the part of Mrs. Tilley.

Very truly yours,

C. G. Gomillion

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July 28, 1954

Mr. A. J. Clement, Jr.
North Carolina Mutual Life
Insurance Company
Station "A", Box 2036
Charleston, South Carolina

Dear Mr. Clement:

Nice to have your letter of July 24. It cheers us a lot to know that the things we could send were helpful.

I guess the truth about the report to the Board was that it was dictated before the Dallas trip as a report to the Fund for the Republic, and by my own carelessness not sufficiently altered later to cover the kind invitation the NAACP gave me to attend the Convention.

I had the pleasure of seeing Mrs. Simons at the League of Women Voters gathering here in Atlanta yesterday.

I haven't yet heard from the action of your state division of SRC, but know that I can trust your able group of people to do wisely.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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A. J. CLEMENT, JR.
DISTRICT MANAGER

DURHAM, NORTH CAROLINA

Station "A" Box 2036
Charleston, South Carolina
July 24, 1954

Dr. G. S. Mitchell
Southern Regional Council
63 Auburn Avenue, N.E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Doctor Mitchell:

I appreciated the material that you sent us covering recent activities of the Council and certain of it's representatives. I have read all that you sent. Mr. Freeman telephoned my office yesterday stating that he was in the Community making contacts for the Council. Of course, earlier this month, Dr. Parrish was in and we had quite a lenghty chat with him. Much of the material that he was instrumental in getting your office to send us as our Committee prepared to appear before the South Carolina Special Education Committee - was most useful and valuable and came into use in handling any number of the questions that the State Committee asked when we appeared before them on the 14th. I especially thank you for the material that Mrs. Hamilton sent and the Ashmore Report.

I certainly was impressed by your observations at the Dallas Convention and wondered why in your report of activities you did not state that you spoke on a Panel at that particular Convention.

A Special Committee of our State Division met in Columbia last Thursday to select our State Secretary. This Committee is under the Chairmanship of Mr. Dabbs. We came to a decision and I trust that it will be placed in action very shortly.

Again our best wishes to you and for all that you are doing you have our appreciation.

Very sincerely yours,

A. J. Clement, Jr.

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AIR MAIL

Dr. George S. Mitchell
Executive Director
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
Room 432 - 63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
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Dear Dr. Mitchell:

I am running into all kinds of trouble. I dictated a letter to you Monday, before I left for Dallas on the Zephyr, then my secretary wrote me a letter, which I got up in Dallas Tuesday, saying that she could not understand it on the Dictaphone.

I was writing you Monday to say that it looked like I was being baffled by lack of schedules from here to Atlanta. I can remember a time when you could get out of here about every three hours for Atlanta, and you can imagine my surprise when I found that there was no morning flight going from here that would get me into Atlanta in time for the meeting. Then when I moved back to consider leaving Thursday evening, I ran smack into the problem that both of my kids are supposed to be confirmed Thursday evening at the Episcopal Church, and have demanded that I attend. Always expecting to be able to get out Friday morning, I had promised them that I would. Even though the schedules are not too encouraging, I would have to leave at 3:45 and get in there at 9:59 or 10 o'clock, or leave at 6:15 and get in there at 11:27 p. m.

The only halfway decent schedule is the one leaving Atlanta at 8:38, which would get me in here at 11:10 Friday night. So it looks like I am caught. If for any reason the confirmation is set aside or postponed, I will come out Thursday evening. Other than that you will know why I am missing, after having promised you so faithfully that I would attend this particular meeting.

Best wishes to all.

Sincerely,

Carter Wesley

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Loan on Interracial Commission files

August 2, 1954

Dr. Rufus E. Clement
President
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. Clement:

We have got to do some shoving around in our space to get more working room. I wonder if the library at Atlanta University would accept the files of the Commission on Interracial Cooperation. They cover a period from 1919 to 1943. They occupy twenty-eight transfer files. It may be that by the time we get it all together, the odds and ends would add the equivalent of another two transfer files. For our part, we would like to have an agreement with the library somewhat as follows:

> "The files of the Commission on Interracial Cooperation shall be accessible to the staff personnel of the Southern Regional Council at times not inconvenient to the library.
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> They shall be accessible to staff personnel of the library for any purpose of cataloging or normal library care, and for the purpose of answering inquiries from persons who might wish to consult the files. But any extended research requiring the use of the files would be facilitated by the library only after receipt of written authorization on behalf of the Southern Regional Council for the research proposal in question."

This understanding would run for the life of the Southern Regional Council or any legitimate successor agency. And, thereafter, the files would be in the custody of the library without any limitations.

The Southern Regional Council is lawful successor to the property and files of the Commission on Interracial Cooperation, and has, therefore, a duty to keep a continuing relationship with them. But as a matter of practice we most rarely consult these files and would be appreciative if they could go into your custody. From a long range point of view, they are of very considerable historic importance. We should be particularly glad to see them housed with you under fireproof conditions -- a facility which we, alas, are not able to provide here.

The files contain the correspondence of the various staff persons affiliated with the Commission on Interracial Cooperation from the beginning; reports on the long series of conferences on many subjects relating to Southern development; accounts and audits; and much material that is descriptive of Southern life and Southern movements during the period of the Interracial Commission.

Ed Burrows, now at Guilford College, has lately been through the file material in his task of writing a Ph.D. dissertation on the history of the Interracial Commission. I suspect that for some years to come the principal, though infrequent, use of the files would be for and by graduate students. I feel satisfied that proposals in the future for research involving the files by students at Atlanta University would be likely to have the approval of the Southern Regional Council.

If you will let me know whether this proposal or some modification would be acceptable, the Council would be happy to arrange the transport of the files to the library.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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cc: Dr. L. D. Reddick

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MOREHOUSE COLLEGE

ATLANTA, GEORGIA

September 2, 1954

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

Mr. George S. Mitchell
Southern Regional Council
63 Auburn Avenue, N.E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Mitchell:

I thank you for your letter of recent date. I am sure that the Executive Committee's judgment is better than mine. I appreciate your acquainting me with what they decided.

With kindest regards and best wishes, I am

Yours truly,

Benjamin E. Mays
President

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August 23, 1954

Dr. Benjamin E. Mays
President
Morehouse College
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. Mays:

My apologies for being until this late date answering your letter of June 22, which suggested that the time had come for the Council to draw up a new brief statement indicating anew its objectives. I held the letter until the Executive Committee meeting July 30. They discussed the matter with a good deal of care, and concluded that for the time being we might rest on the often quoted language of our policy statement of December, 1951: "The South of the future, toward which our efforts are directed, is a South freed of stultifying inheritances from the past. It is a South where the measure of a man will be his ability, not his race; where a common citizenship will work in democratic understanding for the common good; where all who labor will be rewarded in proportion to their skill and achievement; where all can feel confident of personal safety and equality before the law; where there will exist no double standard in housing; health, education, or other public services; where segregation will be recognized as a cruel and needless penalty on the human spirit, and will no longer be imposed; where, above all, every individual will enjoy a full share of dignity and self-respect, in recognition of his creation in the image of God."

I think the Executive Committee was impressed with the importance of action at this stage. But no one excludes the possibility of a new statement at some agreed time.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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Mr. George S. Mitchell
Southern Regional Council
63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Mitchell:

I sat in for a brief while, at two different times, on the Unitarian Conference which was held at Atlanta University last week. That conference suggested something to me.

It suggested to me that in the light of the Supreme Court's decision and in the light of the Ford grant to the Southern Regional Council, we should draw up a brief statement indicating anew the objectives of the Council. It seems to me that our goal is modified a bit as a result of the Supreme Court's decision. It occurs to me that the Council has always worked for equal opportunities for Negroes. Now equal opportunities and implementing the decision of the Supreme Court are almost synonymous.

You and your staff might draw up such a statement and discuss it with your Executive Committee or at least with the members of the Council who live in Atlanta. It seems to me that this is imperative. You may have in mind or you may have already done something like this. You may also have other plans which are much better than this suggestion.

With kindest regards and best wishes, I am

Yours truly,

Benjamin E. Mays
President

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September 22, 1953

Mr. Paul Christopher
Flat Iron Building
Knoxville, Tenn.

Dear Paul:

The Librarian at Duke gladly accepted Lucy's offer of her papers and I will ship them in a few days.

So your Committee responsibility is upon you.

Sorry not to have you for the meeting Friday. We will miss you.

Devotedly,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/allo

September 23, 1954

Mr. Paul Christopher
216 Flatiron Building
Knoxville, Tennessee

Dear Paul:

I promised to write you when the Board meets. It is Wednesday, November 10. Please put it on honorable calendar and hold it -- and come. It will be held in Atlanta.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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September 29, 1954

Mr. Morris Abram
Healey Building
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Morris:

Now that things settle back a little more into the normal, I remind you of your generous offer much earlier in the year to concern yourself about a possible contribution to the Southern Regional Council from the Union of American Hebrew Congregations. I believe we thought at the time that $5,000 was not an unreasonable request.

I can send you audits and budgets and releases and descriptions, and we will be glad to pay for the travel that would be needed to try to work it out.

If you still think the matter is well advised, you might begin on the correspondence with them, and we can supply you at any time you wish with what you might need.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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cc: K.S.

October 1, 1954

Mrs. J. Fount Tillman
Palmetto Farm
Lewisburg, Tennessee

Dear Mrs. Tillman:

We will miss you at the meeting November 10. A pity that we can't have you, but we understand.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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WOMAN'S DIVISION OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE
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150 FIFTH AVENUE NEW YORK 11, N. Y.

September 29, 1954

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Dr. George S. Mitchell
Southern Regional Council, Inc.,
Room 432 - 63 Auburn Avenue N.E.,
Atlanta 3, Georgia.

Dear Dr. Mitchell:

The materials you sent have been studied appreciatively, and - as is our custom - copies have been used as enclosures in packets for women attending our Executive sessions here in New York. These matters have also been featured in our discussions with Jurisdiction Secretaries of Christian Social Relations and Local Church Activities who have been here planning activities and programs for the coming months.

I am very sorry that the date of the Board Meeting (Nov.10) conflicts with some committee meetings in New York. (One of these is a Committee on Racial Practices!) These sub-committees of the Woman's Division Executive were set last spring and as Department chairman I am obligated to attend. I regret that I cannot be present for the Board meeting in Atlanta.

Yours sincerely,

Sadie H. Tillman
(Mrs. J.F.)

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ARTHUR HEYMAN (1867-1951)
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October 4, 1954.

Mr. George S. Mitchell
Executive Director
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
Room 432, 63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear George:

I have written the enclosed letter to Jacob Rothschild. When he has had a chance to consider the matter, I hope he will agree to join in the request of the Social Action Commission of the Union. Both he and I are both members of that Commission.

As ever,

Morris

A/b

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ARTHUR HEYMAN (1867-1951)
HERMAN HEYMAN
MORRIS B. ABRAM

October 4, 1954.

Rabbi Jacob Rothschild
1589 Peachtree N.W.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Jacob:

As you know, I have been interested in the Southern Regional Council for a long time.

The Council recently obtained a large grant from the Ford Foundation's Fund for the Republic. This grant places a requirement on the Council to obtain additional financing for the operation of its Central Staff functions, as well as for its Statewide organizations in the several southern states.

A substantial part of the Central Staff functions have in the past been financed by church organizations. The Episcopal Church, the Methodist Church, the Catholic Church for example made annual grants to the Council. I have felt that the Union might itself become a participant in the support of the Council's Central Staff functions, and strongly believe that we have a stake in the proper functioning of the Council.

What do you think of the idea of taking this problem up with the authorities that be in the Union? I know that they are always short of funds, but it seems to me that this a project of substantial importance inasmuch as the Union seems to be currently interested in Southern problems.

Sincerely,

Morris

October 15, 1954

Mr. Herbert Davidson
Daytona Beach Morning Journal
Daytona Beach, Florida

Dear Herbert:

We would miss you, but you and I lately talked and you will be carefully informed of what goes in Florida. I think the Board meeting will be tolerably attended. So all in all were I in your shoes I would stay at Boca Raton.

Fred Routh tells me that Dunlap proposes a meeting in November that will elect officers and move further toward setting up the Florida organization anew.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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Mr. George S. Mitchell
Executive Director
Southern Regional Council
Room 432
63 Auburn Ave., NE
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear George:

I received today the announcement of the SRC meeting on Nov. 10. Before I mail in the postcard, I'd like to get your advice.

The meeting date offers a conflict in dates for me. The Southern Newspaper Publishers Assn. meets Nov. 8, 9 and 10 in Boca Raton, Florida. My son and I are driving down to attend it. It is quite possible for me to miss the final day and fly to Atlanta from Miami if you think it necessary or even seriously advisable.

Let me know frankly what you think. If my support is necessary or important to you in action which is pending, I'll come.

As ever,

Herbert M. Davidson/eb

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J. H. WHEELER
VICE PRESIDENT-CASHIER

October 25, 1954

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Dr. George S. Mitchell, Executive Director
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
Room 432, 63 Auburn Avenue, Northeast
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Dr. Mitchell:

Until receiving your letter of October 15, I had not been able to see how I would find the time to attend the annual meeting of the Council on November 10.

After reconsidering and after receiving your request for me to serve on the nominating committee, I am happy to advise that I am planning to be present at the meeting of the committee on November 9. If possible, I shall also stay over for the Council meetings on the following day.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

J. H. Wheeler
President

JHW/r

October 27, 1954

Mr. O. D. Duncan
Oklahoma A & M College
Stillwater, Oklahoma

Dear O. D.:

You sent your postcard October 16th and it hit at a time when I was away for a week, which is why I was so slow in getting an answer to you.

Emphatically, you are a member of the Board of Directors, and we want you to come to the meeting November 10. We need to keep up the links with Oklahoma, and you are the means of doing so.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

George, I'm not sure of my status, in view of your letter on organization. I was made a Board member until 1955, but we have no State organization in Oklahoma as far as I know. I just wonder if your letter leaves me out. Please clarify.

I will be present for the 1954 Annual

Meeting of the Southern Regional

Council Board on November 10th.

Yes, if expenses are paid. Otherwise, I cannot, ~~No~~ Personal funds are low and my Office budget is inadequate.

Signed C. L. Duncan

Oklahoma A & M College
Stillwater, Oklahoma

October 28, 1954

Mr. Charles A. Shaw
President
Watchtower Life Insurance Company
2206 Dowling Street
P. O. Box 2097

Dear Mr. Shaw:

We will miss you a great deal, but quite understand how you have to be in Houston on November 10.

Stay behind the group in Texas; it is of first importance for that to get going well.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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October 22, 1954

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Mr. George S. Mitchell
Executive Director
Southern Regional Council
63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Mitchell:

Acknowledgment is made of notice of the 1954 Annual meeting of the Southern Regional Council Board on November 10, 1954. I had definitely planned to attend the first meeting of the Board of Directors since my election to the Board but to my great regret I find that the date of this meeting conflicts with the closing meeting of the United Fund Campaign which is now being waged in Houston and Harris County. As a member of the Board of Trustees of the United Fund and Community Chest Campaign of Houston and Harris County and as Chairman of the Metropolitan Division of the United Fund Campaign I find it a moral responsibility to be present at the closing meeting of the Division of which I happen to be Chairman. Because of this conflict it will not be possible for me to attend the meeting of the Southern Regional Council Board as I had planned.

With every good wish for a successful meeting, I am

Very truly yours,

Chas. A. Shaw

Chas. A. Shaw
President

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October 29, 1954

The Very Reverend Maurice V. Shean, C.O.
The Catholic Committee of the South
P. O. Box 895
Rock Hill, South Carolina

Dear Father Shean:

Delighted to see you on the 18th, and there will always be time when you and I can go over special matters together.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

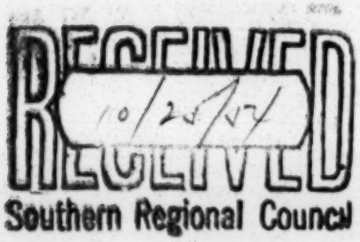
GSM/sab

The Catholic Committee of the South

P. O. BOX 895

ROCK HILL, SOUTH CAROLINA

October 22, 1954



Dr. George S. Mitchell
Southern Regional Council
Room 432
63 Auburn Avenue N. E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Doctor:

I shall be with you on the 10th, but I did want to tell you that I did hope that I could have a little extra time with you because I want to discuss with you, very briefly of course, the correspondence with the Archbishop on the matter which was discussed at the end of the last meeting. Silence does not exactly indicate that nothing was done.

With every best wish,

Yours in Christ and St. Philip,

Maurice V. Shean, C.O.

(Very Rev.) Maurice V. Shean, C. O.

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Oklahoma
Agricultural and Mechanical College
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY AND RURAL LIFE
STILLWATER

November 1, 1954

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Dr. George S. Mitchell
Southern Regional Council
63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear George:

Replying to your letter of October 27, may I say that I am asking the railroad for a reservation to put me into Atlanta on the evening of November 9, at approximately 9:30, p. m., as I recall. Any way, it will be on the Frisco-Southern train from Memphis and Birmingham which arrives there in the evening. Then, I am asking for a reservation leaving Atlanta around 5:00, p. m. on November 11, on the assumption that there will be a council meeting following the Board meeting. If not, I can spend some time at your office and maybe get a little better acquainted with things.

Reservation made - card to O.D.D. KS

Accordingly, I wish you would make me a reservation at the hotel for the nights of November 9 & 10, presumably at the Piedmont. Don't ask for an expensive room. About a month ago, Howard Dawson reserved a room for me at the Statler in Washington, and when I got there the cheapest room they would give me cost me $9.50 per day. All I want is a small single room with a bath.

Please tell the Hotel, whichever one it may be, to send me a confirmation as soon as possible. Otherwise, I'll probably just shove in at the Piedmont.

Thank you very much for the trouble.

Sincerely yours,

O. D. Duncan.

Paul W

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Washington, D.C.
Nov. 4, 1954

Dear George,

Much as I regret to do so, it appears that I will be unable to make the annual meeting this year. Next week there is an annual convention of the Catholic Superintendents of Schools from all over our nation in Washington. I have a series of Catholic textbooks in which the Catholic Superintendents of the West Coast are very much interested in. The only day they can see me, as a group, is next Wednesday. If I don't accept their invitation it will mean a trip to California, Oregon and Washington State.

Despite what I have written, I am so much concerned with the affairs of SRC that if you think my presence at your meeting is "a must", I will cancel my meeting for the West Coast Superintendents and arrange to

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see them individually on a special trip to the West Coast.

Please advise by letter, wire, or telephone. I will be home Friday for the week-end.

I have read carefully your recent letter and enclosures on progress in establishing State units and I wish to congratulate you on wonderful advances.

I haven't forgotten Cardinal Stritch. I think I'll have something to report in the near future.

Best wishes always.

Sincerely
Paul W.

November 12, 1954

Mr. Alfred Mynders
The Chattanooga Times
Chattanooga, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Mynders:

We missed you at the Board meeting on Wednesday. Things went well. Good group discussion, mostly hanging on whether we should provide a good deal of central leadership and some control for the state organizations, or whether we should throw them into the hopper and see what happens. Naturally it will come out some of both.

We elected to the Board for the seven vacancies: Phil Weltner, who used to run Oglethorpe University; Philip Hammer, a young consultant on socio-economic problems hereabouts; your friend Ed Norton in Birmingham; Hodding Carter; the Methodist Bishop in Louisville, Kentucky, Bishop Watkins; an official of the Afro-American Life Insurance Company in Jacksonville, Mr. I. H. Birnie; and a former Chamber of Commerce man in Dallas, Jerome Crossman. Also, we elected Harry Ashmore to your place as Vice-President, but haven't heard whether he will come on or not.

We genuinely feel your loss, but we know that we may continue to turn to you for advice.

With warm regards,

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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Dictated by Dr. Mitchell/signed in his absence

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The Chattanooga Times

October 26, 1954

Dear Mr. Wright:

It is with the greatest sorrow that I must make my resignation from the Board of Directors of the Southern Regional Council final to take effect at the forthcoming Board meeting.

I took on too many extracurricular duties and am having to give up all of them to preserve my health and to carry on my arduous duties as Editor of The Times.

I shall never forget my happy associations in the Southern Regional Council. You yourself have been an inspiration to me for your unselfish labor and your effective leadership. I need not say that I shall continue to advocate the principles for which we both stand.

Faithfully yours,

Alfred Mynders

Alfred Mynders

Mr. M. A. Wright, Esq.
Topknot
Linville Falls, N. C.

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October 15, 1954

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Mr. Alfred Mynders
The Chattanooga Times
Chattanooga, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Mynders:

I am distressed to learn from George Mitchell that you are considering retirement from our Board of Directors. Unless you are adamant on the point, I should like to join my voice with that of Mr. Mitchell in urging you to remain as a member.

Since my own membership, I am sure that we have had no member of our Board who had a better grasp of what we were trying to do or rendered more faithful and intelligent service.

As an organization we are in a transition period from a quite informal association of well-meaning people to a fairly closely knit and smaller group having larger resources. At the same time the South is in its greatest transition period in the constitution of its public schools. The new type of organization and the larger problems we now face demand all of the intelligence we can muster. That means that the departure of a man of your type from our Board of Directors would seriously cripple us.

If at all consistent with your other responsibilities, you are urged to reconsider your contemplated action.

With kind regards, I am

Yours sincerely,

M. A. Wright

M. A. Wright, President
SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL

MAW:R
CC: George S. Mitchell

November 15, 1954

Mr. Morris Abram
Healey Building
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Morris:

For the records do please write us that it is all right for you to be on the Executive Committee. We want you and need you.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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Dictated by Dr. Mitchell/signed in his absence.

Did not accept

November 15, 1954

Mr. Philip Weltner
Oglethorpe University
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Phil:

The Board of the Southern Regional Council met November 10th here in Atlanta, and did themselves the honor of electing you to one of the seven vacancies on the Board. I give you the list of the others presently on -- attached. I do hope that you will find that you can come on to the Board. We will all be much encouraged if you can.

The others elected November 10th were: Philip Hammer; I. H. Burney of the Afro-American Life Insurance Company of Florida; Ed Norton of Birmingham; Hodding Carter; Bishop Watkins of the Methodist Church; and Jerome Crossman, past president of the Chamber of Commerce in Dallas.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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November 16, 1954

Mr. Alonzo G. Moron
Hampton Institute
Hampton, Virginia

Dear Mr. Moron:

I have read with much interest your report to the Board October 29th. circulated

It seems to me to propose a most wise course to our grave perplexities.

Let us all take courage from the hope that in a few years time it will seem perfectly normal for Hampton to strain its resources to serve citizens in its general area without regard to race.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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November 17, 1954

Reverend A. S. Turnipseed
301 Dexter Avenue
Montgomery, Alabama

Dear Mr. Turnipseed:

The Board of Directors of the Southern Regional Council had its 1954 annual meeting November 10th here in Atlanta with twenty-five or so persons. Good meeting and warm discussion of the many opportunities before the Council as the state organizations get underway.

When they came to electing a new Executive Committee they put on three new persons -- Josephine Wilkins of Atlanta, Morris Abram of Atlanta, and McDowell Richards at Columbia Seminary. Two of the vacancies were available because of a change in the By-Laws, which enlarged the Committee. And the third they offered by putting somebody in your place.

We on the staff have always thought of you as a supporter, and we are grateful for your year and more of being on the Committee. You are still, by the way, very much on the Board, and we hope that as the Alabama Division gets moving it can draw on your advice and help. Young Robert Hughes is right there in Montgomery. Do counsel with him.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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Chapel Hill - N.C.
Nov - 20 - 1954

Southern Regional Council Inc.,
63 Auburn Ave - N.E. - Atlanta 3 Ga.

Dear Dr Mitchell,

We of the family of Howard W. Odum are deeply touched by the resolution passed by the Board of Directors of the Southern Regional Council at their meeting on Nov - 10th.

Your action reminds us again that we have much to live up to in the high standard he has set for all of us.

We appreciate your thoughtfulness in sending us a copy of the resolution.

With sincere regards,
Anna Louise K. Odum
(Mrs Howard W. Odum)

November 12, 1954

Mrs. Howard W. Odum
University of North Carolina
Chapel Hill, North Carolina

Dear Mrs. Odum:

The Board of Directors of the Southern Regional Council met November 10th and adopted the enclosed resolution on the sad loss of Dr. Odum.

As a student of things Southern, it seems to me quite clear that Dr. Odum's mind had a larger outreach and deeper effect than that of any other single citizen the nation has ever had. And never a thought but what it was for what was honorable and constructive.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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Encl.

WHEREAS, Howard W. Odum, the profoundest student of Southern life and its most illuminating teacher, has been taken from us,

And, WHEREAS, Dr. Odum was one of the principal organizers and the first President of the Southern Regional Council,

Now, THEREFORE, we who continue in the Southern Regional Council resolve to follow with renewed vigor the broad humanitarian goals which were Howard Odum's goals for the South.

RESOLUTION OF THE
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE -- S.R.C.
November 23, 1954

It is with far more than perfunctory regret that we take note of Mr. Alfred D. Mynders' resignation as vice-president of the Southern Regional Council.

During his three years in that position, and for many years before that as a Board member, Mr. Mynders has given invaluable service to the Council and to the principles which it seeks to further. The Executive Committee and Board have been enriched by his wise and faithful counsel; the staff has been supported in countless instances by his steady advice, influence and skill.

The Southern Regional Council has had few adherents so finely attuned as Alfred Mynders to the spirit in which this movement for a better South proceeds. We rejoice in the thought that in his demanding professional activity he will be manifesting that spirit daily, for the advancement of the common good.

November 23, 1954

MEMORANDUM

TO: GTH

FROM: SSM

Mr. McDowell Richards in telephone conversation with me today stated that he accepts his election to the Executive Committee.

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cc: KS
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McDowell

COLUMBIA THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY
DECATUR, GEORGIA

Founded 1828

November 16 1954

Dear Mr. Mitchell:

Your letter of November 15 addressed to Dr. J. McDowell Richards has been received during his absence from the seminary and will be brought to his attention when he returns early next week.

Very truly yours,

C. Virginia Harrison

Secretary to the President

November 15, 1954

Dr. J. McDowell Richards
Columbia Theological Seminary
Decatur, Georgia

Dear Dr. Richards:

You were present when the Board helped itself by electing you to the Executive Committee of the Council.

The Executive Committee is composed of nine elected members and the officers of the Council. The old members number six, as follows: Dr. Rufus E. Clement at Atlanta University, chairman of the Executive Committee; Mrs. Cassandra Maxwell Birnie, a South Carolinian practicing law in Atlanta and married to a biology professor at Morehouse College; Paul Christopher, regional director for the CIO in the upper Southern states of Tennessee, Kentucky, West Virginia, Virginia, and North Carolina. In my judgment the wisest labor leader in the South; the Very Reverend Maurice Shean, C.O., who is the head of a training house for Seminaries of the Order, Rock Hill, South Carolina; Mr. Harry Richardson at Gammon; John Griffin at Emory.

Newly elected members were yourself and Josephine Wilkins of Atlanta, whom doubtless you know, and Morris Abram of Atlanta.

The officers are: Marion Wright, President. A retired lawyer living at Linville Falls, North Carolina. A South Carolinian from Conway. Mr. Carter Wesley, who owns and manages a string of Negro newspapers, from Houston, Texas. Also prominent in various life insurance enterprises. Mr. Gordon Hancock who, as you know, was one of the originators of the Council. Still has a Baptist church in Richmond and is professor emeritus of Virginia Union University. Mr. A. W. Dent, president of Dillard, Mr. Harry Ashmore, Editor of the Arkansas Gazette, who has been elected, but word of whose acceptance I have not had. Mr. Leonard Haas, as lawyer to the Council is also a member of the Executive Committee.

You would greatly strengthen the Committee. And we earnestly want you.

The Committee meets about four times a year. It has always, heretofore, met in Atlanta. Its sessions, I must admit, take the best business hours of a day. But those who are on the Committee greatly give it counsel.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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Dictated by Dr. Mitchell/signed in his absence.

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November 30, 1954

Mr. Hodding Carter
The Delta Democrat-Times
Greenville, Mississippi

Dear Mr. Carter:

We appreciate you.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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HODDING CARTER
EDITOR & PUBLISHER

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GENERAL MANAGER

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The Delta Democrat-Times

Greenville, Mississippi

November 26, 1954

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Mr. George S. Mitchell
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
Room 432
63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Mr. Mitchell:

I am truly honored that the board has seen fit to elect me to membership again. It seems to me that the Southern Regional Council has a more important place than ever to take in our regional life and I hope that I can contribute something. I am especially glad that the new funds were made available to the Council at this time just when its period of gracious service was approaching.

Cordially yours,

Hodding Carter

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Hodding Carter

November 16, 1954

Mr. Hodding Carter
Delta Democrat-Times
Greenville, Mississippi

Dear Mr. Carter:

The Board of Directors of the Council met November 10th here in Atlanta and did themselves the honor of electing you again to membership on the Board. There weren't but seven vacancies.

The others asked were Phil Weltner, who used to run Oglethorpe University here. Phil Hammer, who is a consultant on city planning. Mr. Burney, who is a member of the Afro-American Life Insurance Company in Jacksonville. Mr. Ed Norton of Birmingham -- who is a bit in the news line. Bishop Watkins of the Methodist church in Louisville. And Mr. Jerome Crossman a former president of the Chamber of Commerce in Dallas.

We have been sorry not to have had you on the Board in the last year and a half, and greatly hope that you will come back on. I enclose a list of the Board as constituted just before the meeting November 10. It alters only from the election of that date.

But I report Alfred Mynders' resignation as vice-president. So far as I know, it is only because he has been pressed by his paper to reduce his outside commitments of time. But Mynders has been in intimate touch with our work and would, I am sure, be glad to advise with you on your coming back on to the Board.

I am impressed with the importance of the wise selection of personnel of the expanding Mississippi organization. Glad Rabbi Mantinband had opportunity to talk with you.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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EDWARD LEE NORTON
BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA

Ed. Move I guess

December 1st, 1954

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Dr. George S. Mitchell
Executive Director
Southern Regional Council, Inc.,
Room 432, 63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.,
Atlanta 2, Georgia

Dear George:

Answering your letter of November 16th, I regret that I will have to decline membership of Director of Southern Regional Council.

Have spread myself too thin.

Sincerely,

Ed Norton

Ed Norton

EN/mw

November 16, 1954

Mr. Edward Norton
Protective Life Building
Birmingham, Alabama

Dear Ed:

Enjoyed my visit the other day and appreciate your finding time for me to stop.

The Board met duly and usually November 10th and elected to the seven vacancies along with yourself: Philip Weltner, who used to run Oglethorpe University over here; Philip Hammer, whom you know; a Mr. I. H. Burney, who is an executive of the Afro-American Life Insurance Company of Florida; Hodding Carter, of Mississippi; Bishop Watkins of Louisville; and Mr. Jerome Crossman an oil man, former president of the Dallas Chamber of Commerce.

This is a period in the South's history when wise forward action is called for, and we greatly hope that you will be willing to put your thinking in with that of the other members of the Board on how to get things done in a constructive way.

The Board meets once a year but it is the whole Council and has an important responsibility in Southern life.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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Dictated by Dr. Mitchell/signed in his absence

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JEROME K. CROSSMAN
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December 2, 1954

Dr. George S. Mitchell
Executive Director
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
Room 432, 63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Dr. Mitchell:

In response to your letter of November 16th, I am willing to accept membership on your Board with the understanding that because of the many calls made on me, I will be able to give only a very limited amount of time to the Southern Regional Council.

With every good wish, I am

Sincerely yours,

Jerome K. Crossman

Jerome K. Crossman

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November 16, 1954

Mr. Jerome K. Crossman
First National Bank Building
Dallas, Texas

Dear Mr. Crossman:

The Board of Directors of the Southern Regional Council at their meeting here in Atlanta November 10th did themselves the honor of electing you to come on to the Board to fill one of its seven vacancies. We confess to little or no consultation with you ahead of time, but we asked our people in Texas and they spoke so warmly of you that we thought we were justified in asking you to come on to the Board.

I enclose a list of the present membership of it.

The others who were elected November 10th were: Phil Weltner who used to run Oglethorpe University here; Phill Hammer, who is a consultant on city planning; I. H. Burney, who is a member of the Afro-American Life Insurance Company in Jacksonville; Ed Norton of Birmingham; and Bishop W. T. Watkins of the Methodist Church in Louisville.

The Texas Commission on Race Relations only ten days or so ago employed as its executive Thomas Sutherland of Austin, who until lately ran the show that was concerned with better relations with persons of Mexican descent. He was here for our recent meetings and we all liked him greatly and thought Texas off to a good start with him.

As a member of the Board of the Council, however, your responsibility would be for advice as to constructive solutions of the problems of the South as a whole. Our other Texas Board members as you will see are: Mrs James S. Crate, Mr. S. Thomas Friedman, Dr. R. O'Hara Lanier, Mrs. J. N. Rayzor, Mr. Charles A. Shaw, Mr. J. Edwin Smith, and Mrs. Tommie Stroud. Mr. Carter Wesley is a vice-president of the Council as well as a Board member.

The Board meets once a year and expenses of the members are paid to the meeting. It is the entirety of the Council and is naturally, therefore, the governing body of the agency. Between Board meetings an Executive Committee of nine members of the Board plus the officers -- meeting quarterly -- makes us on the staff behave.

The Council, as you know, has had a conditional grant from the Fund for the Republic to enable it to get state race relations agencies underway. While membership on the Board involves an interest in the Council's being able to raise some money within the South, we are not at this time being fundless and importunate.

Do inquire about and see what you hear of the Council's history and program and performance. And if you can accept we will feel honored and strengthened by your being a member of the Board.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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Encls: List of Board Members
Release re FFR grant to SRC

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December 3, 1954

Mr. Carter Wesley
The Informer
2418 Leland
Houston 3, Texas

Dear Mr. Wesley:

No excuse for waiting until December to answer your letter of September 10th which reminded us that Tom Friedman might be available for some research job. I have remembered it and have brought his name up several times in connection with Texas matters. Our people in Houston remain his warm admirers, but so far no way has opened to bring him in.

I think you got a good man in Tom Sutherland. I hope you like him and will help him.

The next meeting of the Executive Committee comes in February. We will let you know the exact date well ahead. I hope you can come. I find various members eager to become acquainted with this concealed Vice-President.

I will be in your state all next week at Mineral Wells where the A.F. of L. is having a Southwestern Labor Institute.

Warmly,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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2418 LEELAND
HOUSTON 3, TEXAS

September 10, 1954

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Southern Regional Council

Dr. George Mitchell, Director
Southern Regional Council
63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Mitchell:

I learned this week that Tom Friedman, who has recently been added to the Southern Regional Council Board, might be available for some of the research work or other work of that nature that you have in connection with the Southern Regional's investigations and research currently. In a conversation with him recently, I found that he's no longer heading the office of the Federation of Jewish Organizations that he represented here for the last six or seven years. He told me he was planning to set up his own office here. Immediately I thought that there might be some way that his services might be useful to you, now that many of those special research people that you hired in the summer are going back to their schools. Not forgetting that we will probably be hiring a director out here in Texas, but I think of Tom Friedman as a man of greater training than we will be able to hire and consequently as somebody that you might possibly find of aid on the wider level.

I promise whenever there is another meeting that I'm going to come, but this time I'm going to get my reservation ahead of time and ask for a guarantee that the planes will not be grounded. Best wishes to all I know there.

Sincerely,

Carter Wesley

Carter Wesley,
President

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Southern Regional Council

Dr. George S. Mitchell, Executive Director
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
63 Auburn Avenue, N. E., Room 432
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. Mitchell:

I presented to the Trustees of the John Hay Whitney Foundation your request for renewal of the grant of $1,000, in general support of Mrs. Tilley's work with church women, which I believe you addressed to Dr. Weaver.

Each year the story of Mrs. Tilley's work seems to get fresh interest and this time it was given a little extra embellishment. The result is that Mrs. Whitney asked if I would find out when and if Mrs. Tilley plans to be in New York, or it might be arranged to have her for dinner and informal conversation about her work.

Would you like to talk with Mrs. Tilley about this? I would appreciate any suggestion regarding this expression of interest.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Charles S. Johnson

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December 14, 1954

Mr. Harry S. Ashmore
The Arkansas Gazette
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Harry:

We quite understand about your not wishing to serve as vice-president of the Council when you are on, or about to be on, the Board of the Fund for the Republic. It delights us that you are to have that important place as one of the Southern members of the Board of the Fund for the Republic.

I hear that Arkansas matters went well the other day when the new group met. Everyone praised Mr. Darragh.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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Southern Regional Council

Mr. George S. Mitchell
Southern Regional Council
Room 432
63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear George:

I am quite flattered that you and the Board of Directors of the Southern Regional Council should ask me to serve as vice president.

As I told Morris Abram when he called me not long ago, the only consideration that stands in the way is the fact that I have been appointed a member of the Board of the Fund for the Republic. The appointment was confirmed at the Board meeting in November, although it has not yet been made public.

While there is no policy consideration on the part of the Fund which would prevent my serving as an officer of an organization receiving a grant from it, I feel that it probably would be inadvisable for me to fill such a dual role. As you know, I apparently will be the only Southern representative on the Board of the Fund. In the future I am certain the Fund will be considering additional grants to the Council. I believe that I could better represent the interests of the Council if I had no formal connection with it.

For this reason I must decline appointment as vice president of the Council.

Regards,

HSA

Harry S. Ashmore
Executive Editor

HSA:map
cc: Mr. Morris Abram
Atlanta, Ga.

November 15, 1954

Mr. Harry Ashmore
The Arkansas Gazette
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Harry:

The Board of the Council met twenty-odd strong November 10. They had a busy and discussive day. Toward the end of it came elections.

They had seven vacancies on the Board and elected to them: Bishop Watkins at Louisville (Methodist); Ed Norton of Birmingham; Phil Hammer; Phil Weltner; I. H. Burney -- an official of the Afro-American Life Insurance Company in Jacksonville; Jerome Crossman of Dallas, who used to run its Chamber of Commerce; and Hodding Carter who had been on the Board for eight years, but got left out in the last reorganization.

Alfred Mynders has been a vice-president of the Council for a good many years, and a mighty useful and interested one. He wrote us this year awhile before the meeting that he ought to resign from the Board because the management of his paper was pressing him to cut back his outside commitments of time. So far as I know, that is the truthful reason for his going off.

The Nominating Committee and the Board were unanimous in asking you to be a vice-president in Mynders' place. I daresay you are under pressure about outside commitments too! But it seems logical all around for you to take Mynders' shoes on this one, and we earnestly want you to do so. The officers, generally speaking, have not been models of performance in getting to the meeting of the Executive Committee and we do not press you unduly on that added privilege of officership.

Morris Abram tried to reach you by phone to urge this new honor on you. I write for word to reach you at least simultaneously with Morris' call.

Don't just say no you can't. You are the right guy for it and we would be greatly aided if you could be a vice-president.

Your fellow officers would be as follows, except that Mynders is gone: Marion A. Wright, Linville Falls, President; Carter Wesley, Houston, Vice-President; Gordon B. Hancock, Richmond, Vice-President; and Albert W. Dent, New Orleans, Vice-President.

The Executive Committee is made up of Harry Richardson who runs Gammon Theological Seminary. A Negro woman lawyer from South Carolina practicing in Atlanta, Mrs. Birnie. John Griffin, whom you know. Morris Abram, whom you know. Josephine Wilkins, whom you ought to know if you don't (Atlanta). McDowell Richards, who runs the Presbyterian Seminary at Decatur, Georgia. Rufus Clement who is the chairman of the Executive Committee. Very Reverend Maurice Shean, C. O., of Rock Hill, South Carolina, who has a prototype of a Seminary for his Order there. Paul Christopher, whom I hope you know -- certainly you heard him at Asheville -- in my judgment he is the ablest labor guy in the South. Runs the CIO in the upper Southern states.

I had good word from Mrs. Bates who was here for the meeting. You were most helpful in getting the new chairman and Mrs. Bates feels that in Arkansas the group can begin now to flow along.

Sincerely

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Dictated by Dr. Mitchell/signed in his absence.

Memo . . . FROM THE DESK OF

. . . GEORGE S. MITCHELL . . .

Circulate

To: Staff

From: GSM

Mr. James L. Coker, a member of the Board, resigned by letter December 15th, 1954, stating that it was necessary for him to cut down on outside commitments.

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RA ✓
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GSM.

December 22, 1954

Mr. J. L. Coker
Sonoco Products Company
Hartsville, South Carolina

Dear Mr. Coker:

We are mighty sorry to lose you as a member of the Board of the Southern Regional Council.

You have been a particularly valued member of the Board and a kind friend through many years.

I do hope that from time to time you will let one or the other of us consult with you as to directions the Council's work should take in South Carolina and in the South generally.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

SONOCO PRODUCTS COMPANY
HARTSVILLE, S. C.
Manufacturers of
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HARTSVILLE, S. C.

December 15,1954

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Mr.George S. Mitchell
Executive Director
Southern Regional Counci;
Atlanta, Ga.

Dear Mr.Mitchell:

Please consider this my resignation as a member of the Board of Directors of the Southern Regional Council.

I have been in receipt of your many letters requesting my assistance in various ways, none of which have I been able to do. I find that I have spread myself so thin in wanting to help in so many ways that I am able to do practically nothing for any particular organization. The demands of my business are such that I feel it necessary to resign from practically all organizations not directly or indirectly connected with it.

I shall always be interested in your program and accomplishments.

Sincerely yours,

J L Coker

J.L.Coker
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C:B

December 22, 1954

Mr. C. G. Gomillion
Tuskegee Institute
Tuskegee Institute, Alabama

Dear Mr. Gomillion:

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Dr. George S. Mitchell
Executive Director
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
Room 432, 63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Dr. Mitchell:

I have read your letter of December 9 and the copy of the minutes and other inclosures. It was quite a surprise to me that I was one of those persons chosen to review the minutes and make corrections or give tentative approval, pending final approval by the 1955 Board meeting. I have read the minutes and the supplementary materials as carefully as I could, and find no error as far as my memory served me. I did not make extensive notes of the Board meeting, but it is my opinion that the minutes herewith inclosed and returned reveal rather accurately the discussions and the actions taken in the Board meeting on November 10. I, therefore, give my approval to the distribution of the minutes as prepared by the secretary.

I have not signed an inclosed copy as I did not know whether or not you wanted my signature on the copy or simply a letter indicating approval.

Sincerely yours,

C. G. Gomillion

C. G. Gomillion
Dean of Students

CGG/m

December 9, 1954

Dr. C. G. Gomillion
Tuskegee Institute
Tuskegee Institute, Alabama

Dear Mr. Gomillion:

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Extra service you will be doing, but an appreciated one.

Return envelope attached.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encls.

December 22, 1954

Mr. Alonzo G. Moron
Hampton Institute
Hampton Institute, Virginia

Dear Mr. Moron:

Your office very kindly wrote us that as you were enroute to the Virgin Islands, the letter we had sent asking you to review the Board Minutes of the meeting November 10th would be held for your attention when you got back.

We wanted to get the Minutes out to the members of the Board and took the approvals we received from Barbare and Comillion as constituting a majority approval.

So you can save yourself seventeen minutes of reading time if you want to.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
cc: Mr. Ralph Barbare
Mr. C. G. Comillion

Bd

HAMPTON INSTITUTE
HAMPTON, VIRGINIA

Moron

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

December 14, 1954

Mr. George S. Mitchell
63 Auburn Avenue, N.E., Room 432
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Mr. Mitchell:

When your letter of December 9, enclosing the minutes of the annual meeting of the Southern Regional Council reached this office, Mr. Moron was enroute to the Virgin Islands. He is not expected in the office before the holidays, but I will call your letter to his attention at the first opportunity.

Very truly yours,

Eleanor A. Gilman

Eleanor A. Gilman
Secretary

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Winthrop College
Rock Hill, South Carolina

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Executive Director

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WINTHROP COLLEGE
THE SOUTH CAROLINA COLLEGE FOR WOMEN
ROCK HILL, SOUTH CAROLINA

Training School

December 13, 1954

RECEIVED 12/15/54
Southern Regional Council

Mr. George S. Mitchell, Executive Director
Southern Regional Council
63 Auburn Avenue, Northeast
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Mr. Mitchell:

I have your letter of December 9th and the copy of the minutes of the Atlanta meeting.

I have read these carefully, and I can find no error in the minutes and cannot think of any omission. My vote is for approval as written.

Sincerely,

Ralph Barbare

Ralph Barbare, Director
Winthrop Training School

December 9, 1954

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George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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THE CHARLOTTE NEWS

ESTABLISHED 1888

CHARLOTTE 1, NORTH CAROLINA

Bd. list sent to new President 1/14/55.

THOMAS L. ROBINSON
PUBLISHER

December 30, 1954

Mr. George S. Mitchell, Executive Director
Southern Regional Council, Inc
Room 432, 63 Auburn Avenue, N.E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Mr. Mitchell:

Mr. Robinson has been seriously ill for several weeks. When he returns to the office (and the date is indefinite), I shall bring to his attention your letter inviting him to become a member of the Board of Directors of the Southern Regional Council.

I am certain that he will want to take some time before reaching a decision.

Sincerely,

Erma Lansing

Erma Lansing
Secretary to Mr. Robinson

RECEIVED 12/31/54
Southern Regional Council

December 29, 1954

Mr. Thomas Robinson
Publisher
Charlotte News
Charlotte, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Robinson:

At the annual meeting of the Southern Regional Council last month, the Council did themselves the honor of electing you to membership on the Board.

Under the Council's By-Laws, the Board of Directors -- which is the Council -- is composed of fifty persons elected at the final general membership meeting in 1953, the officers, and two persons chosen by each of a dozen affiliated state organizations. Thus the Board is all told some eighty persons.

I attach a list of those who are presently members. I have underscored the North Carolina members.

The Council goes back to the work of the old Commission on Interracial Cooperation begun in 1919, and we organized under the Southern Regional Council in 1944. A statement of policy and purposes is enclosed.

The Board meets once a year, and expenses of the members are paid to the meeting. The Board has the fundamental policy determination for the Southern Regional Council, and its meetings are of real worth.

We have many friends in Charlotte who will know about the Council. I think of C. A. McKnight now at Nashville, and of Judge and Mrs. Clarkson, and of various of our friends at Johnson C. Smith University.

The Council using the proceeds of a grant from the Fund for the Republic has been able in the last several months to put paid professional staff into race relations agencies in each of twelve Southern states. You have in Charlotte, at 121 East Third Street, the office of the North Carolina Council on Human Relations, of which Harry S. Jones is the Executive Director. The North Carolina group has, of course, its own Board, and we are asking you to be good enough to serve on the Board of the overall agency -- the Southern Regional Council.

I do hope that after you inquire about, you will find us sufficiently esteemed to warrant your coming on to the Board, and will write me to that effect.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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Encl.
cc: Mr. Harry S. Jones

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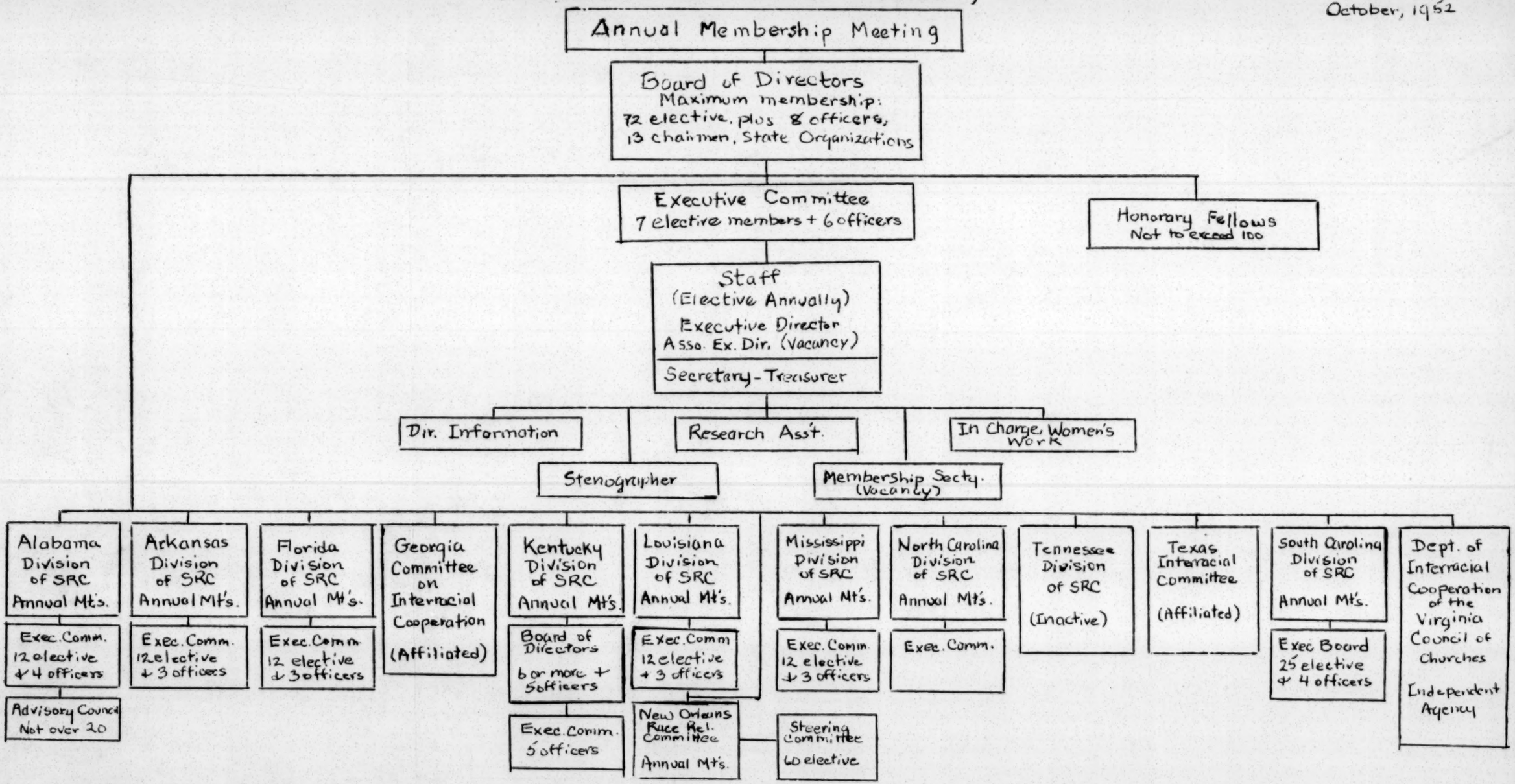
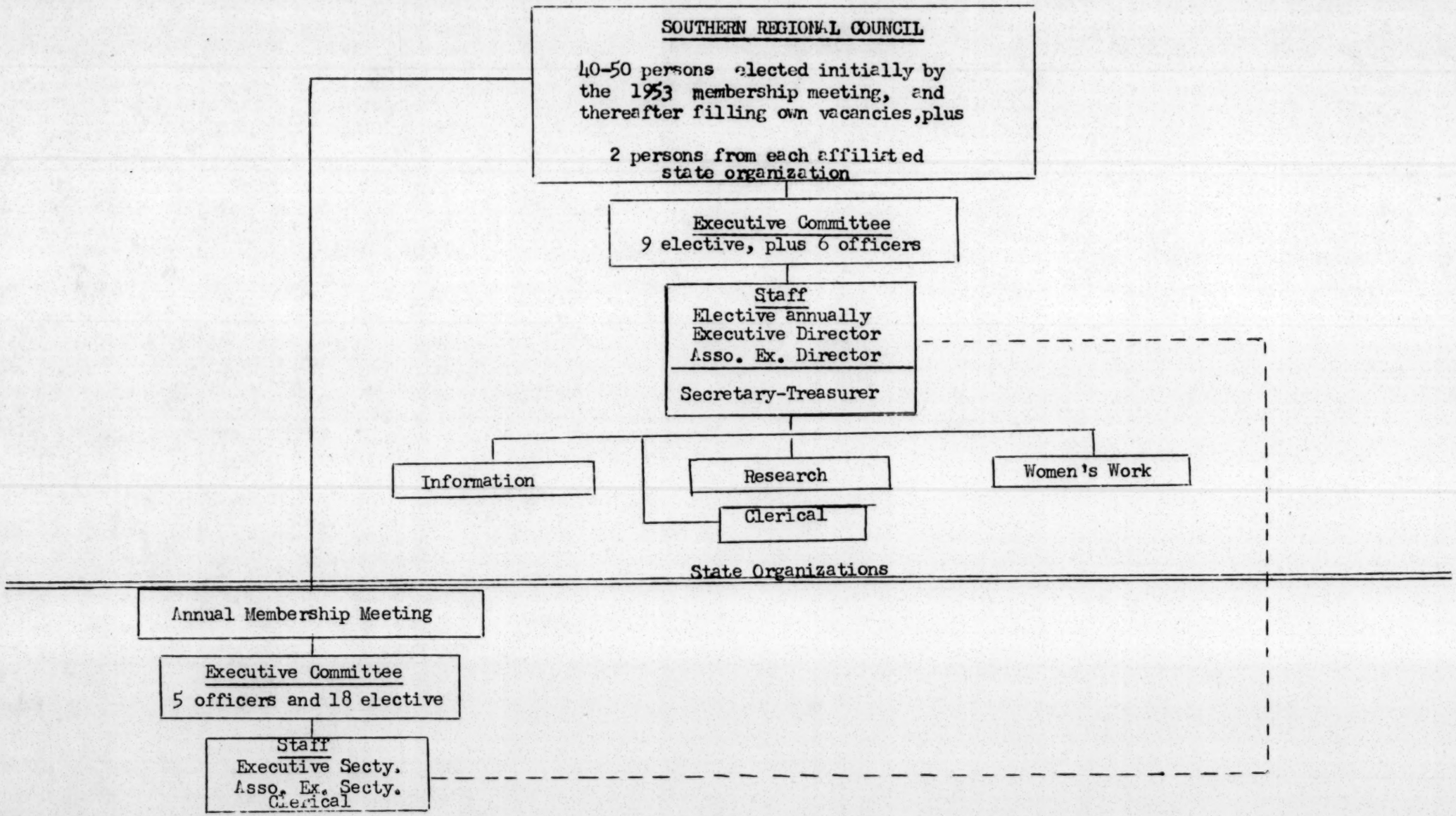
SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC.

October, 1952



SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL

Possible Future Reorganization



THINGS TO BE PUT BEFORE GSM FOR
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

1. Matter of contracts with state outfits.

2. Method of insuring that states do not engage in political activities

3. Finance Committee

4. List of employees, salaries, etc.

5. Staff employment. Brewer and others like him.

6. Loyalty questionnaires

7. Special program committee of Executive Committee

8.

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report to Dave Freeman
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copy of memo to Exec. ~~Dir~~ Comm.

July 12, 1954

Mr. Marion A. Wright
"Top Knot"
Linville Falls,
North Carolina

Dear Marion:

In re your letter of July 8:

1. Article V, Section 2, line one should read Executive Committee.

2. The minutes of the meeting of the Executive Committee for April 6, 1954, recorded the direction of the Executive Committee that at the next annual meeting of the Council, the By-Laws be amended to describe the duties of the Assistant Director, which is the title that the Executive Committee authorized for Harold Fleming.

Meanwhile, the staff has been discussing a proposal to make to the Executive Committee meeting July 30th, for a sweeping re-organization of the upper brackets of the staff. We are in agreement that the position of Associate Executive Director is a relic of the early days of the Council when there was a purpose to make it perfectly apparent that the Council was administered on an interracial basis. We think that the need for a window demonstration of that kind has nearly disappeared. And, also, I think that the position of Associate Executive Director, whatever be the language in the By-Laws, is in practice ill defined and anomalous. Perhaps we could struggle along under that title if the Associate Executive Director cared to take up extensive field travel. As a matter of fact, it does not suit Mrs. Hamilton to travel more than occasionally. She has, therefore, proposed that she return to her position with the Atlanta Urban League about September 1 (she is on leave from there), but remain as a retained consultant to SRC.

The following along the line opened by that proposal. I think we would like to further a structure under which the Council had, as its principal staff officer, and Executive Director, and then a Secretary-Treasurer. These two officers reporting directly through the Executive Committee to the Board.

The staff would, next, contain four principal persons. One bearing the title of Assistant Director in Charge of Information and Research, two bearing the title of Assistant Director in Charge of Program Development, and a fourth bearing the title of Assistant Director for program planning. What is proposed is that these four positions should be occupied by Harold Fleming as the information one, by Mrs. Hamilton -- at $100 a month part-time -- as Assistant Director of Program Planning, and the other two positions to be occupied by persons yet to be chosen -- one white and one Negro. That gets a balance in the top level of two white persons and two Negro persons, and affords what we so badly need, two persons to handle the multiplying contacts with state organizations.

Informally, we have sprouted a little in this direction during the Summer. We put on Mr. C. H. Parrish to travel in six or eight of the states and scout the situation as to people and programs needed. That proves highly successful. We have a candidate for one of the jobs as Assistant Director in Charge of Program Development in Earl Brewer, whom you met, though we have not yet formally proposed the job to him. Mr. Parrish would be a suitable candidate for the other such position but he firmly prefers to go back to his teaching next Fall. So we are hunting around for somebody to do that sort of thing.

When you come to salaries, what we would propose to the Executive Committee would be: Harold C. Fleming at present salary of $6500 until January 1, 1955; Katherine Stoney at present salary of $4000 until January 1, 1955; Grace T. Hamilton at present salary of $8000 through August 31, 1954, and at $100 a month thereafter. The two Assistant Directors in Charge of Program Development, each to go on approximately September 1, at $7500; Harold C. Fleming to go up to $7500 January 1, 1955; and Katherine Stoney to go up to $5000 January 1, 1955. Mrs. Tilly is receiving $5000 from SRC alone, from June 16 forward, and we would propose to keep her salary at that figure. If these proposed figures should be approved and held to, and if necessary small increases in the quantity of clerical personnel were arranged, the total salary expenditure by September 30, 1955 (the end of the "first period" of the Fund for the Republic Grant) would be $875 less than the amount budgeted for salaries in the final request as approved by the Fund for the Republic.

All of these figures, of course, will be fully laid before the Executive Committee, but you could be thinking about it ahead of time. Meanwhile, we will prepare job descriptions for the four positions of Assistant Director.

I do not like the suggestion that we make Harold Fleming Vice-President in Charge of Information. The President and the Vice-Presidents are all unpaid officers elected by the Board, and it seems inappropriate to have a staff member be a Vice-President.

3. The business about the fellows is queer. One of Odum's hopes from the Southern Regional Council from the beginning was that it would serve as an agency to single out coming useful leadership in the South. As a device for that the organizers of SRC hit upon the fellows of SRC. Pursuant to that, the Executive Committee way back in 1945 set up a special sub-committee which combed over the field and named sixty odd fellows. They received no emoluments but they did each receive, for some years, extra copies of New South (usually ten). Under the rules about the fellows, they were to be re-elected each second year or to cease to be fellows if not re-elected.

I confess that I never understood very well what the whole business of fellows was about. I found it awkward to draw up names of new suitable people to be fellows and slackly, though regretfully, I have permitted the original list of fellows to stand year after year. Perhaps fifty of them are still living in the South and are still nominally fellows. It was only about a year ago that I saw, in conversation with Odum, what he was after. I can make it work as he wanted it to work, but from being pushed on time I have not yet done so.

4. The proposed National Advisory Committee, authorized in Article 5, Section 3, was a project of Paul Williams. He wanted to get some big names of Northern people, and have them on such a committee. For one reason or another, which I have mainly forgot, the project was never completed though a tentative list of fifteen or twenty such names were at one time drawn up. I would like to see the project go through.

It helps us all that you shoulder these matters and bring them to action.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/cab
Copy to: Mr. Leonard Haas
Haas-Howell Building
Atlanta, Georgia

July 21, 1954

MEMORANDUM

TO: THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE
SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL

FROM: GEORGE S. MITCHELL, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
THE SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL

In addition to the important matters of policy to come before the members of the Committee July 30, the staff wishes now to lay before you a proposed reorganization of staff jobs.

The present By-Laws of the Council stipulate and describe as staff officers an Executive Director, an Associate Director, a Secretary-Treasurer, and Counsel.

The attached chart shows the new form of organization proposed.

The attached amendments to the By-Laws, if they should be passed by the annual meeting of the Southern Regional Council, November 10, 1954, would accomplish the suggested changes.

The proposed detailed duties of Assistant Directors are as follows:

Assistant Director for Information and Research

Prepare or supervise the preparation of all publications of the Council, including pamphlets, leaflets, and the Council's magazine New South. Supervise the research program of SRC and the maintenance of materials and clipping files, servicing of information requests, and fact-finding incident to the Council's program. Maintain contacts with the daily, weekly, and periodical press, and, upon occasion, to prepare and circulate news releases. Conduct negotiations with organs of opinion, including the press, radio, television, etc. Interview visiting journalists and other writers, and inform them on matters Southern and matters relating directly to SRC. In the absence of the Director to be responsible for the administration of the program of the Council.

Assistant Director for Program Development (Two persons)

Mainly through field travel, but also through correspondence and other means of communication, to be in touch with the movement underway in each of twelve Southern states to launch a permanent race relations organization. To advise and counsel with the leaders or members of these organizations, and in interviews to request the assistance and discover the attitude of various people influential in each state

believed to have an interest in matters which concern the Council. To be responsible, under the Executive Director, for all SRC contacts with certain or all of the state programs. To interpret to state personnel SRC policy and detailed arrangements; to assist state organizations in the selection of personnel; to supervise the performance of state organizations and their adherence to SRC policy.

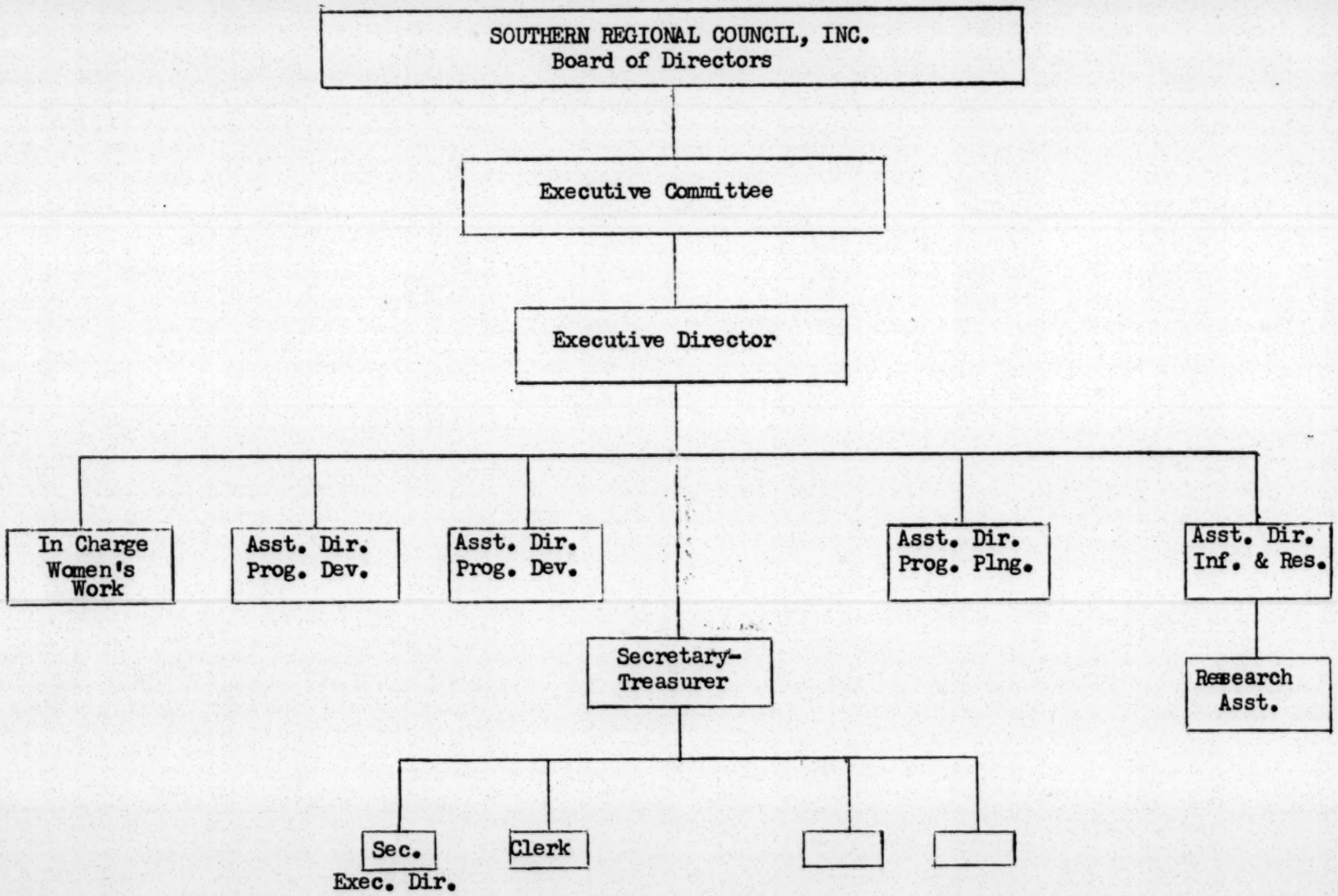
Assistant Director for Program Planning

Using an extensive knowledge and experience of developmental community programs, and by virtue of wide familiarity with Southern problems and movements, to review all matters of program and policy; to advise the Executive Director, the Executive Committee, the Board, and all other staff members, in the coordination of program planning; and, upon assignment by the Executive Director, to supervise the execution by central office staff and state personnel of stated portions of SRC policy and program. Upon occasion, in the absence of the Executive Director, to be in charge of the Council's work as a whole. In occasional travel, to consult with field personnel and staff in other and related organizations in this general field, as to matters of program development and community relations.

The staff supposes that the suggested amendment to Article 6, Section 6, provides for flexibility in that the Executive Committee or the Southern Regional Council as a whole could from time to time amend the job descriptions of the Assistant Directors.

We send this matter out ahead of time in order to give ample opportunity for members of the Executive Committee to be familiar with the questions and thus make best use of the time of the meeting on July 30.

Encls.


SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC.
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Asst. Dir. Inf. & Res.
Research Asst.
Secretary-Treasurer
Sec. Exec. Dir.
Clerk

July 28, 1954

To: Grace T. Hamilton

Can you add to the Agenda for the Executive Committee meeting discussion of a proposed gift of the files on the Commission on Interracial Cooperation to the Library of Atlanta University?

a proud name

Executive Committee

July 28, 1954

Dr. Rufus E. Clement
President
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. Clement:

The meeting of the Executive Committee, Friday at 811 Cypress Street at 10:00 a.m., will have quite a lot of business.

I send you, as Chairman of the Executive Committee, this advance copy of the Agenda which the staff proposes.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/cab
Encls.

PROPOSED AGENDA FOR MEETING OF SRC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE - July 30, 1954

I. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Status of Staff

II. REPORT ON PROGRAM AND ORGANIZATIONAL STATUS

Executive Director's Report on developments since report to the Board, July 20, 1954

ANSWERS FOR ACTION - Schools in the South

Promotion Leaflet

Equal Penalties Commission

Attacks on Southern Regional Council

SRC publicity

III. Secretary-Treasurer's Report

IV. Central Office Operation

Proposed Staff structure

Change in By-laws

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Loyalty question

Office space - Interracial Commission files

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4. Finances

VI. Discussion of Fund-raising

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SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC.

Meeting of Executive Committee

Friday, July 30, 1954 Atlanta, Georgia

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SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC.

Report of Nominating Committee to Board of Directors in Meeting at Tuskegee Institute, Alabama on November 9, 1955.

In accordance with the By-Laws of the Council, the Nominating Committee met on Saturday, October 8, 1955 in Atlanta, Georgia.

Present at the meeting were Father Maurice V. Shean (served as chairman); Mr. Benjamin E. Mays; and Mr. Philip Hammer. Mr. George Mitchell served as secretary to the Committee.

The Committee having been apprised of vacancies on the board; list of officers; and other committees due to resignations and graduation agreed on the following nominations:

(* Indicates nominations for re-election)

Members of the Board

Alabama

* Dr. C. G. Gomillion, Tuskegee Institute
Mr. Wm Kaufman, Mobile
Dr. L. H. Foster, Tuskegee Institute

Arkansas

* Mrs. W. F. Bates, Little Rock
Mr. M. Lafayette Harris, Little Rock

Florida

* Mr. Herbert Davidson, Daytona Beach

Georgia

* Mr. J. A. Griffin, Emory University
* Dr. J. M. Richards, Decatur
* Dr. H. V. Richardson, Atlanta
Mr. Robert Snodgrass, Atlanta
Mrs. Robert McDougall, Atlanta
Mr. Leonard Hass, Atlanta

Kentucky

Mrs. William Heuser, Louisville

Louisiana

* Miss Florence Sytz, New Orleans
Mr. Monte Lemann, New Orleans

Mississippi

* The Rt. Rev. Monsignor Brunini, Jackson

North Carolina

* Dr. E. A. McDowell, Wake Forest
* The Rt. Rev. E. A. Penick, Raleigh
Mr. Harry L. Golden, Charlotte

Oklahoma

Mr. James Stewart

South Carolina

* The Very Rev. M. V. Shean, Rock Hill
Mr. James M. Dabbs, Mayesville

Tennessee

* Mr. Paul Christopher, Knoxville
* Dr. Chas. S. Johnson, Nashville
* Mrs. J. Fount Tillman, Lewisburg

Texas

* Mrs. J. M. Rayzor, Houston
* Mr. J. Edwin Smith, Houston

Virginia

Mr. Frank Price, Lexington

Alternates for Board (All New)

Alabama

Mrs. Myra Jones Bryant, Birmingham
Mr. York Wilburn, Tuscaloosa

Arkansas

Mrs. E. J. Sparling, Hot Springs

Kentucky

Mr. Mark Etheridge, Louisville

Louisiana

Mrs. Jacqueline Leonhard

Mississippi

Mr. Purser Hewitt, Jackson

North Carolina

Mr. Julian Price, Greensboro
Dr. Raymond Wheeler

South Carolina

Mr. W. E. Solomon, Columbia
Mr. Chester E. Travelstead, Columbia

Virginia

Mrs. J. Birdsall Calkins, Arlington

Officers (* Indicates nominations for re-election)

* President	-------	Marion A. Wright
Vice-President	-------	Paul D. Williams
* Vice-President	-------	Gordon B. Hancock
* Vice-President	-------	Albert W. Dent
* Vice-President	-------	Carter Wesley
Counsel	-------	Vacancy, to be filled ad-interim by Executive Committee

Executive Committee (*Indicates nominations for re-elections)

Chairman	-------	* Rufus E. Clement
		J. M. Dabbs
		* Mrs. Cassandra M. Birnie
		* Paul Christopher
		* John A. Griffin
		* Harry V. Richardson
		* Maurice V. Shean
		* Miss Josephine Wilkins
		E. A. McDowell
		and above officers

Nominating Committee (All New)

I. H. Burney
Guy Johnson
Mrs. E. U. Robinson

(Elected by Executive Committee in Meeting October 28-29,1955)

Carroll Brooke, Virginia
B. R. Brazeal, Georgia

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
OF THE SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL

July 30, 1954

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. in the Conference Room of the Southern Education Foundation Building, 811 Cypress St, Atlanta, with the Chairman, Rufus E. Clement, presiding.

I. Executive Session. Members of the Committee went into executive session the first few minutes of the meeting, and announced that hereafter an executive session of this kind would be the rule.

II. Report on Program and Organizational Status

The Executive Director reviewed his travel and activities since the last meeting of the Committee. He spoke of the addition to the staff of Mrs. Grace Towns Hamilton as Associate Executive Director, effective June 1st, and of her purpose to remain in that capacity to September 1, when it was proposed that she be made Assistant Director for Program Planning, serving the Council part-time from the position of Secretary to the Atlanta Urban League -- to which she will return September 1.

He described additions to the clerical staff, and spoke of Miss Anna Holden, the Research Assistant, as currently on leave at the University of North Carolina to complete her thesis.

C. H. Parrish, of the University of Louisville, has been engaged for the Summer months to travel in selected states and advise the Council on personalities and programs helpful in the strengthening of our own state organizations.

Robert Menefee, an economist at Berea College in Kentucky, has been sent on a trip through the mountain areas to talk with school officials and community leaders about the special opportunity of the mountain counties to bring about unsegregated schools at an early date.

Earl Brewer, of Emory University, had been engaged for a brief period to travel and make a report on official human relations agencies in selected Northern states and cities.

Plans were described for enlarging New South for 1955, and approaches to various sources of funds for this purpose were described.

State by state within the South, the efforts of our local people to prepare for use of paid staff by October 1st were described.

Louisiana having had funds available already in the New Orleans Committee on Race Relations, has employed Milton Vigo as its secretary. And the Georgia Interracial Committee has employed Guy Wells as its secretary, proposing to raise sufficient additional money to enable him employment from the period June 1 - August 31, directly by the Committee. Most of the other states have had meetings and have made promising programs for picking up in strengthened condition in the early autumn months.

Mrs. Tilly reported that the Georgia Interracial Committee is planning to raise sufficient money for a full-time Associate Secretary.

Marion A. Wright reported on the North Carolina meeting, which had been well attended and had appointed various committees to draft program and select personnel.

Harold C. Fleming reported on the period of special activity for the Council, and for his office, in the days and weeks just after the Supreme Court's decision. The Council has served importantly in briefing a variety of journalists and writers on the issues involved. He referred to a scrapbook of clippings, which shows the Council's major activities, which is now being kept. Report made of a trip he had made to New York in connection with a Ford sponsored Conference on Behavioral Sciences.

He described the various attacks made in recent weeks by the Reverend Blake Craft who had, in April 1954, renewed his slanderous misstatements. This had been followed by a series of attacks made by a weekly political sheet, called The Augusta Courier, operated by Roy Harris, a Georgia political figure. Mr. Harris had built his attacks around the charge that the Southern Regional Council is "the successor in fact to the Southern Conference for Human Welfare." Harris had proceeded, by innuendo and erroneous history, to build up a picture of the Southern Regional Council as the bearer of an evil purpose on the part of the Ford Foundation to subvert the traditions and customs of the South. Additionally, it had been charged in Harris' paper that the Council was Communist influenced. Various staff members, Board members, and officers had been listed by Harris as having this or that "Red-front" connection. Mr. Fleming stated that the charges had been so absurd that reputable papers had not cared to carry them, though the two Macon papers and a Savannah paper had carried resumes of the charges, along with fairly effective answers, sent out by the United Press. The Talmadge publication in Georgia, The Statesman, has also carried slanderous attacks against the Council and this had been recited in part by the Northside News. And word has been received of this or that broadcast mentioning the charges.

Mrs. Tilly reported on her work with women in various denominations affiliated with the National Council of Churches, and exhibited a voluminous collection of statements made re segregation in the schools by Church bodies.

Marion Wright reported the completion of the field work in six selected counties by sociology students from Haverford College, and arrangements made with Guy Johnson, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, for the statistical tabulation of the resulting material. He then consulted the members of the Executive Committee as to 48 nominations which had been made, mainly by state chairmen of SRC as persons suitable to be on the Commission itself. Mr. Wright thought the Commission should have nine members. Various additional proposals of suitable persons were made by members of the Executive Committee, and Mr. Wright undertook to review all names available and select at an early date a Commission of approximately nine persons.

III. Secretary-Treasurer's Report

Miss Stoney reported on arrangements made with the approval of Mr. Haas for deposit in various banks of the balances available from the grant from the Fund for the Republic. In review of the reports attached hereto: She stated that the operating fund income for the first three months had been $14,200, income for the second three months was $7,400. in addition to the amount received from the Fund for the Republic, and that for the month of July receipts have been approximately $1,600. She pointed out that the amounts received, other than from the Fund for the Republic, had been from SRC regular sources of income. An additional $1500. was received from the Field Foundation. She also stated that in order to comply with the terms of the grant from the Fund for the Republic, as to fund-raising from the central office, it would be necessary for the Council to produce an income in the remaining months of the year in excess of $12,000.

The balance remaining for the Commission on Equal Penalties was $563.00.

IV. Central Office Operations

Proposed Revision of Staff Structure - The Executive Director presented a proposed reorganization of the central office staff showing the Executive Director reporting directly to the Executive Committee and they, in turn, to the Board. The Secretary-Treasurer would report to and through the Executive Director directly, also to the Executive Committee. It was proposed to drop the title of Associate Executive Director, and to establish four positions of Assistant Director; two in charge of program development; one in charge of program planning; and one in charge of information and research. The Research Assistant will report to the Assistant Director for Information and Research and the staff member in charge of Women's Work will report to the Executive Director. Clerical persons will be under the direction of the Secretary-Treasurer.

The proposed organization sheet was exhibited, as attached.

Change in By-Laws - The Executive Director then read changes in the By-Laws which would, if adopted, bring this structure into being. After full discussion it was, upon motion, agreed that the Executive Committee would recommend to the November 10 meeting of the Council that Article VI of the By-Laws, Section 1. - Executive Officers, be amended to read:

"The executive officers of the corporation shall be a president; one or more vice presidents, not to exceed four; an executive director; assistant directors; a secretary; and a treasurer. The president and the vice presidents shall be chosen from among the members of the corporation. The executive director and the assistant directors need not be members at the time of their election, but by virtue of their office shall become ex-officio members of the corporation, with all the privileges of such members. The secretary and the treasurer need not be members, and the offices of secretary and treasurer may be held by the same person. The president and vice presidents shall be elected annually by the Council. The executive director and assistant directors, secretary-treasurer, and the counsel shall be subject to confirmation annually by the Council, upon the recommendation of the Executive Committee.

Officers shall hold office until the corresponding meeting in the next year, and until their successors shall have been fully chosen and qualified, or until they shall have resigned or shall have been removed, in the manner provided in Section 13 of this Article. Any vacancy in any of the above offices shall be filled for the unexpired portion of the term by the Council, at any regular or special meeting.

Article VI, Section 6, to read:

"Assistant Directors. The assistant directors shall work in cooperation with the executive director in the administration of the program and policies of the Council. In the absence or disability of the executive director, one of the assistant directors will be designated by the executive director, or by the executive committee, to perform, temporarily, the duties of executive director.

The Executive Committee discussed in some detail proposed job descriptions for the positions of Assistant Directors, and they approved the attached job descriptions for Assistant Director for Information and Research, Assistant Director for Program Planning, and two Assistant Directors for Program Development.

Office Space - Interracial Commission files
After an adjournment for lunch, discussion turned to a proposal to place the files of the Commission on Interracial Cooperation, to which the Southern Regional Council is lawful successor, in the custody of the Atlanta University library, with the stipulation of the right of access to the files by personnel of the Southern Regional Council at times convenient to the library of Atlanta University, and with the provision for review by the Southern Regional Council of proposals for extensive research in the files of the CIC. The Executive Committee agreed that a proposal of this kind might be made to Atlanta University.

The space occupied by the Council at 63 Auburn Ave. then came under consideration. Other possible locations for its now somewhat expanded Atlanta office have been explored, but the rent appears prohibitive. No other entirely suitable accomodations seeming to be available, the staff proposed an expenditure of an estimated $1700. be made for remodeling the present space. It was stated that the Council had, on entering the original space at 63 Auburn Ave., made such changes as were suitable then to the Council. The appropriate officials of the Wesley Memorial Building have agreed that the Council might make the desired changes now.

The present rental, plus proportionate parts of the remodeling expenditure, stretched over a three year period, would produce a total expenditure per year less than that budgeted for that purpose in the request to the Fund for the Republic.

Upon motion the proposed renovation of the office, at about $1700. was approved by the Committee.

Procedure for Professional Hiring - After considerable discussion, the Committee, upon motion, appointed a Personnel Committee of the Executive Committee composed of the President of the Council, Marion Wright; the Executive Director, George Mitchell; and the Chairman of the Executive Committee, Rufus E. Clement, to engage and fix salaries of new personnel at the professional level.

Loyalty Questionnaries - The Executive Director told of correspondence between himself and the President of the Council re methods of satisfying the Council's interest in the loyalty of the prospective person. The President of the Council emphasized the importance, in the expenditure of tax-exempt funds, of satisfying ourselves that no person being employed by the Council would be disloyal to our form of government. Various proposals for questioning personnel on this point were discussed.

Upon motion, it was decided that the following questions would be required to be answered by all incoming personnel.

1. Are you now, or have you ever been a member of the Communist Party?

2. Are you now, or have you ever been, a member of an organization whose purpose it was to overthrow the Government of the United States?

Discussion showed that the staff and the Personnel Committee should be guided on matters of loyalty by the answers given to these questions.

SRC Brief Before the Supreme Court - It was stated that the staff had given discussion to the question of whether the Southern Regional Council should put in a brief amicus on the matter of segregation in the schools. The Executive Committee was of the opinion that the Council's time would be best used in providing means of implementing the ultimate decrees when they should come down.

Consideration of Policy Statement - The Executive Director stated that a letter had been received from a Board member suggesting that the time had come for an additional policy statement by the Southern Regional Council. In discussion the Executive Committee made it clear that they considered the key clause of the policy statement of December, 1951, as adequate.

V. Report on Organization of States

Criteria for Affiliation - Members of the Committee spoke in favor of clarity in the requirement of the Council that affiliated bodies actually raise the rest of the covenanted funds; that members of affiliated bodies should subscribe, also, to New South; and have reasonable flexibility, state by state, as to the exact type of organization set up. Miss Stoney described a uniform monthly report sheet which had been prepared for use by state organizations. The Executive Director stated that a monthly narrative report would be required from each state group.

VI. Discussion of Fund-Raising - The Secretary-Treasurer presented the attached proposed budget which, after discussion, was adopted by the Executive Committee.

Upon motion, it was agreed that the Personnel Committee would be authorized to engage staff in accordance with the reorganized plan, within the limits of the funds available, under the budget adopted.

One of the members of the Committee suggested that each member of the Board of Directors of the Council be requested to contribute $100. toward raising the sums that will be needed by the end of this year. Appropriate paragraphs, re urgency of raising money from within the South, from the letter of grant from the Fund for the Republic were read to the Committee. Dr. Clement, in particular, said that an attempt should be made to get the Southern Regional Council put in the annual budgets of those persons who sometimes contribute to it. Upon motion, the Executive Committee requested the President of the Council to make an early visit to Atlanta, stay for several days, and interview persons with the object of having them accept positions on a Finance Committee, and empowering the President of the Council to launch such a Committee.

VII. Annual Meeting, November 10, 1954

It was agreed that the 1954 meeting would be held on Wednesday, November 10, at Atlanta University.

Nominating Committee - The President was by motion empowered to appoint a Nominating Committee, with proper instructions.

VIII. Other Business

The Executive Director stated that it was his feeling that one of the reasons why the Council was subjected to a spate of attacks was because of a policy in previous years of making no permanent annual report. He said that doubtless this policy had been well grounded, but that he was of the view that in consideration of the sums now available to the Council, and of the magnitude of the tasks before the Council, that it would be no less than proper to make an annual report, which would be publicly available. He had taken a tentative step in this direction when the January, 1954, issue of New South carried a form of financial report.

The Executive Committee felt that the present attacks were a phase of the distrubed political situation in Georgia and, as they were absurd, it offered little encouragement to proposals to answer the attacks in detail. One member suggested that a statement, giving the true facts, might be sent out to Board members and subscribers and other persons most intimately associated with the Council. Another proposal was that various persons influential in public opinion in the South, and knowledgeable as to the Council's origin and purpose, should be asked to come to the Council's defense.

The Committee received with pleasure the announcement that a brief descriptive pamphlet about the Council was now in press. The staff stated that the expense of a longer pamphlet had been considered prohibitive in view of the many changes underway, particularly with the state organizations.

Upon motion, it was agreed that "the matter of public statements be the responsibility of the staff, who if they feel a need of consultation should consult Mr. Clement and Mr. Haas, and that the Executive Committee places full confidence in whatever decision may be reached by this group."

There being no further business, the metting adjourned.

October 8, 1954

To: Katherine Stoney

'Tis a small point, but do please, when the official Minutes of the Executive Committee meeting, July 30, are put into the book, be sure the proposed organization chart mentioned on page three of the mimeographed version of the Minutes be drawn into the minute book.

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC.

ANNUAL MEETING

November 10, 1954

Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Mr. Marion A. Wright, President, presiding

AGENDA

Invocation

Welcome - Dr. Clement

Remarks by President Wright

Report of Executive Committee - Dr. Rufus E. Clement,
Chairman of Executive Committee

Action upon Report

Report of Executive Director

Lunch

Finance Report

Action on Proposed By-Law Changes

Action on Proposed Resolution re Nominating Committee

Report of Nominating Committee - Mr. John H. Wheeler, Chairman

Elections

Other Business

Adjournment

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL
November 10, 1954

The staff and the Nominating Committee recommend to the Council the passage of the following resolution:

WHEREAS ARTICLE V, Section 4, of the By-Laws provide that "The Council may by resolution provide for such other standing or special committees as it deems desirable and may discontinue the same at pleasure," therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that a Nominating Committee of not less than five members, three of whom shall be elected by the Council at its annual meeting, one of whom shall be its "ex-officio" member from an affiliated organization, and two of whom shall be appointed by the president and the Executive Committee, shall be constituted.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Nominating Committee shall meet at least thirty (30) days before the annual meeting for the purpose of nominating:

1. Members of the Council;
2. Officers of the Council;
3. Members of the Executive Committee; and
4. Members of the succeeding Nominating Committee

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC.

Finance Report
November 10, 1954

Schedule of income for period 1954, 1955 and 1956 according to terms of the grant from The Fund for the Republic

CENTRAL OFFICE

	1954	1955	1956
From Fund for the Republic	$ 37,350.00	$ 43,350.00	$ 19,083.00
To be raised in order to meet commitment in grant	20,000.00	33,750.00	54,850.00

STATE ORGANIZATIONS

From Fund for the Republic	$ 39,700.00*	$ 150,600.00	$ 119,000.00
To be raised in order to meet commitment in grant	5,400.00	26,700.00	59,500.00

*This is based on the state organizations operating for three months in 1954, 12 months in 1955 and 12 months in 1956

REPORT ON INCOME

	Actual 1953	Actual 1st 3 mos. 1954	Actual 4/1-10/31, 1954 (7 mos.)
SOURCES:			
Foundations:			
Ford Foundation	20,000.00	5,000.00	
Sidney Hillman Foundation	1,500.00		1,500.00
Field Foundation	2,500.00		1,500.00
William C. Whitney Found.	1,000.00		
Other Foundations	1,100.00	1,050.00	300.00
	$ 26,000.00	$ 6,050.00	$ 3,300.00
Labor Organizations:			
C.I.O.		1,000.00	
United Auto Workers	1,000.00		1,000.00
United Steelworkers of USA	1,000.00	1,000.00	
United Rubber Workers	200.00	200.00	
American Federation of Labor	1,000.00		1,000.00
International Ladies Garment Workers Union	500.00	500.00	
	3,700.00	2,700.00	2,000.00
Other Organizations:			
Miller & Rhoades	200.00		
Emory Univ. Brotherhood Week	141.10		
N. C. Teachers Assoc.	50.00		50.00
United Jewish Appeal		75.00	
Misc. Organizations	57.43		23.26
	448.53	75.00	73.26
Churches:			
Methodist	2,575.00	554.00	1,350.00
Episcopal	1,115.00	15.00	1,000.00
Presbyterian, U.S.A.	250.00	250.00	
Presbyterian, U.S.	200.00		200.00
Misc. Churches	50.00		20.00
	4.190.00	819.00	2,570.00
Contributions from Individuals	2,718.20	825.00	785.04
Members Dues	3,060.50	798.50	1,004.00
New South Subscriptions	534.75	129.25	321.63
Sale of literature	3,375.45	990.01	2,455.00
Honoraria	1,078.50	80.00	800.00
	$ 45,205.93	$ 12,466.76	$ 13,308.93

CENTRAL OFFICE EXPENSE

Expense - January 1 through March 31, 1954

Salaries	$6,958.28	
Rent	315.00	
Travel	448.46	
Telephone & Telegraph	304.67	
Printing	980.33	
Postage	46.38	
Office Supplies	176.23	
Audit fee	75.00	
Social Security (cost to Council)	21.12	
Books & Subscriptions	24.02	
Insurance	25.01	
Miscellaneous expense (Steno. services for Pres. etc.)	55.72	
Honorarium for manuscript	100.00	
Bank fees	.55	
Interest expense	.62	
Georgia sales tax	1.51	
Paid on 1953 debts:		
Bank loan for 1953 salaries	990.00	
Ga. Sales tax for December 1953	14.16	
Social Security for December 1953	4.67	
TOTAL		$10,541.73

Expense - April 1 through October 31, 1954

Salaries	$26,006.40	
Rent	785.00	
Travel	4,274.19	
Telephone & Telegraph	789.81	
Printing	1,675.94	
Postage	497.77	
Office supplies	1,112.20	
Office alterations	1,632.00	
Office equipment	556.72	
Social security (cost to Council)	342.35	
Audit fees	60.00	
Bank fees	5.25	
Books & Subscriptions	157.92	
Ga. sales tax	12.64	
Insurance	749.50	
Miscellaneous expense (Steno. services for Pres.,etc.)	172.86	
Honoraria for Mss. and consultants fees	997.10	
Paid on 1953 debts:		
1953 salaries	1,124.99	
1953 printing	1,571.06	
Return of funds to Tenn. Division	190.00	
TOTAL		$42,713.78

TOTAL EXPENSE FOR YEAR TO DATE $53,255.51

REPORT ON SPECIAL PROJECTS

Fellowship of the Concerned

Balance on hand, January 1, 1954		$ 561.20
Expenses		
Salary, Mrs. Tilly	$ 75.00	
Stenographic services	101.57	
Postage & supplies	7.24	
		183.81
Balance, October 13, 1954		377.39

Commission on Equal Penalties

Balance, January 1, 1954		$ 3815.93
Receipts		
Contribution	$ 25.00	
Interest earned	20.22	
		45.22
		$ 3861.15
Expenses		
Travel	$ 1791.17	
Reimbursement to Research Students	1236.66	
Taxes	14.02	
Statistical report and analysis	317.95	
Supplies	38.38	
Telephone	83.45	
Lawyer's fee	25.00	
Misc. expense	13.45	
		3520.08
Balance, October 31, 1954		$ 341.07

Report on Share of Dues to State Divisions from SRC members

	Bal. 1/54	Receipts to 10/31	Pd. to 10/31	Bal.
Alabama	$10.50	$ 158.50	$ 169.00	--
Arkansas	4.50	19.00	16.50	7.00
Florida	10.50	93.50	90.50	3.00
Kentucky	1.50	36.50	38.00	--
Louisiana	1.50	12.50	8.00	6.00
Mississippi	9.50	89.50	96.00	3.00
North Carolina	10.00	96.50	106.50	--
South Carolina	10.50	98.50	86.50	22.50
	$ 58.50	$ 604.50	$ 611.00	$ 41.50

REPORT OF EXPENDITURES FOR STATE ORGANIZATIONS

Covers period June 1 through October 31, 1954

Total amount of grant for State Organizations			$158,800.00
Alabama Division, SRC			
Salary, Executive Secretary	$ 416.66		
Local expenses	500.00		
		916.66	
Georgia Committee on Interracial Cooperation			
Salary, Executive Secretary	$ 2,083.30		
Salary, clerical	312.42		
Local expenses	600.00		
		2,995.72	
Kentucky Council on Human Relations			
Local expenses	$ 500.00		
		500.00	
Louisiana Council on Human Relations			
Salary, Executive Secretary	$ 2,083.30		
Salary, clerical	100.00		
Local Expenses	600.00		
		2,783.30	
N. C. Division, SRC			
Salary, Executive Secretary	$ 416.66		
Local Expenses	600.00		
		1,016.66	
S. C. Division, SRC			
Salary, Executive Secretary	$ 416.66		
		416.66	
Social security paid for state employees		36.60	
Total expenditures to State Organizations			8,665.60
Balance, October 31, 1954			$ 150,134.40

Amounts raised by State Organization as per reports to SRC	
Georgia Committee on Interracial Cooperation	$ 386.42
Louisiana Council on Human Relations	70.75
	$ 457.17

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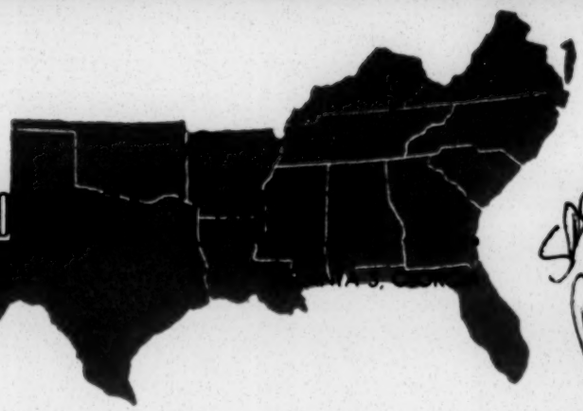
ROOM 432, 63 AUBURN AVENU

GEORGE S. MITCHELL,
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



SRC Board Dir

A Council to attain, through research and action, the ideals and practices of equal opportunity for all peoples in the South.

Mr. Fred Powell

MEMORANDUM

TO: Members of the SRC Board

FROM: G. S. Alexander, Administrative Assistant

We want to remind you of the annual meeting which will be held in Williamsburg, Virginia, on November 14-15, 1956. The first session will begin on Wednesday, November 14 at 2:00 P.M. and the last session will be held on Thursday morning, November 15, beginning at 9:00 A. M.

The meetings have been scheduled to be held in the Brick House Basement meeting room. Meals will be available in the Lodge Main Dining Room. Rooms will be available at the Brick House Tavern, Market Square Tavern, and maybe some cottages. The Council will make lodging reservations for you on the basis of your reply.

Williamsburg is accessible by air, railroad, and bus transportation. As usual the Council will pay your travel expenses to this meeting.

Please let us know by October 15 whether or not you plan to attend by filling out the enclosed postal card and returning it to us.

ARTICLE II. MEMBERS

Section 1. Members

A. The members of the corporation shall be as follows:

1. Not more than 50 or less than 40 persons, hereafter called members, elected by the annual meeting at which these by-laws are adopted.

2. Two persons, hereafter called ex-officio members, from each affiliated State organization. These two persons from each affiliated State organization shall be the chairman of such affiliated organization and one additional member elected by the members of such organization.

3. The president, the vice-presidents, the counsel, the treasurer, the executive director, and assistant directors shall also be ex-officio members.

B. A member, as distinct from an ex-officio member, shall hold office for four years (except as provided in Section 1-C of this Article) and until his successor shall have been duly chosen and qualified and until he shall have resigned or shall have been removed in the manner provided by Section 8 in this Article. No such member shall serve more than two consecutive full terms of four years each (or, in accordance with Section 1-C of this Article, one short term and one full four-year term, consecutively). Chairmen of affiliated State organizations shall hold ex-officio membership in the corporation as long as they are chairmen of affiliated State organizations, and ex-officio members elected by their affiliated State organizations shall hold membership in the corporation for not more than two consecutive four-year terms, or portions thereof.

C. The members elected at the meeting at which these by-laws are adopted shall be divided by lot in such a way that the terms of one-half shall expire at the time of the annual meeting in 1955, and the remainder at the annual meeting in 1957.

ARTICLE V. COMMITTEES

Section 1. Executive Committee

The Council shall provide for an Executive Committee of not more than nine (9) members in addition to the president, vice-presidents, treasurer and counsel; the executive director and the assistant directors shall also be ex-officio members of the Committee, but without the right to vote. The Executive Committee shall serve during the pleasure of the Council and may be discharged and the Committee abolished at any time by the Council. Unless one of the members shall have been designated as chairman by the Council, the Executive Committee shall elect a chairman from its own number. During the

Article V, Section 1 (cont'd)

intervals between the meetings of the Council the Executive Committee shall possess and may exercise all of the powers of the corporation, conferred by these by-laws or the charter of the corporation, in all cases in which specific directions shall not have been given by the Council. The Executive Committee shall keep full and fair accounts of its transactions. All action by the Executive Committee shall be reported to the Council at its meeting next succeeding such action, and shall be subject to revision and alterations by the Council; provided that no rights of third persons shall be affected by any such revision or alteration. Vacancies in the Executive Committee shall be filed by the Council.

Section 4. Nominating Committee

There shall be a Nominating Committee of not less than five members. Three members shall be elected by the Council from its membership at its annual meeting, and one of these shall be an "ex-officio" member of the Council from an affiliated state organization. Two members shall be appointed by the joint action of the President and the Executive Committee.

The Nominating Committee shall meet not less than thirty(30) days before the annual meeting for the purpose of nominating (1) members of the Council, (2) officers of the Council, (3) members of the Executive Committee, and (4) three members of the succeeding Nominating Committee.

ARTICLE VI. OFFICERS

Section 1. Executive Officers

The executive officers of the corporation shall be a president; one or more vice-presidents, not to exceed four; an executive director; assistant directors; a secretary; and a treasurer. The president and the vice-presidents shall be chosen from among the members of the corporation. The executive director and the assistant director need not be members at the time of their election, but by virtue of their office shall become ex-officio members of the corporation, with all the privileges of such members. The offices of secretary and treasurer may be held by the same person, but if filled separately, the secretary need not be a member of the corporation. The president and vice-presidents shall be elected annually by the Council. The executive director and assistant director, secretary, treasurer, and counsel shall be subject to confirmation annually by the Council, upon the recommendation of the Executive Committee. Officers shall hold office until the corresponding meeting in the next year, and until their successors shall have been fully chosen and qualified, or until they shall have resigned or shall have been removed, in the manner proficed in Section 13 of this Article. Any vacancy in any of the above offices shall be filled for the unexpired portion of the term by the Council, at any regular or special meeting.

Same letter to all members of Executive Committee

December 9, 1953

Mrs. Cassandra M. Birnie
864 Hunter Street, SW
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mrs. Birnie:

We would like to propose that the next meeting of the Southern Regional Council Executive Committee be held the third week in January 1954. Will you please indicate on the enclosed card whether you would prefer Wednesday, January 20th or Friday, January 22nd so that we can set a date best for most of the members.

We hope to have the audit for 1953 ready by that time.

Sincerely,

Katherine Stoney,
Secretary-Treasurer

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March 6, 1954

Mr. Harold C. Fleming
Southern Regional Council
63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Mr. Fleming:

The most recent issue of your publication, New South, pointed up our failure to have this in our library. We liked the articles by L. D. Reddick and Anna Holden particularly.

We are interested in knowing about back issues of New South and what the costs for them are. Please begin our subscription with Volume 9, Number 1, immediately and bill us in triplicate.

Very truly yours,

A. P. Marshall,
University Librarian

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Sent to all members of the Executive Committee

March 15, 1954

Mrs. Cassandra Maxwell Birnie
864 Hunter Street, S.W.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mrs. Birnie:

An extraordinary meeting of the Executive Committee of the Southern Regional Council to be held, in circumstances which we hope will be happy rather than dismal, is called for Tuesday, April 6th, 1954 in the Council office beginning at 10:00 o'clock.

We hope to have a full attendance. Will you please let us know, using the enclosed card, that you can be present.

Sincerely,

Katherine Stoney
Secretary-Treasurer

AN ANALYSIS OF S.R.C. BOARD AND MEMBERSHIP, BY STATES AND BY RACE

AUGUST, 1954

	Number of Members	Board* White	Board* Negro	Officers White	Officers Negro	Total Board of Directors
Alabama	114	1	1			2
Arkansas	18	1	1			2
Florida	83	1	-			1
Georgia	140 (Atlanta 104)	5	6	1		12
Kentucky	42	1	2			3
Louisiana	154 (New Orleans 138)	2	-		1	3
Mississippi	48	1	1			2
N. Carolina	96	3	1			4
S. Carolina	121	4	1	1		6
Tennessee	55	3	2	1		6
Texas	32	3	2		1	6
Virginia	70	1	2		1	4
Total	971	24	20	3	3	51

*Does not include Chairmen of state groups.

Under the May, 1954, by-laws of the S.R.C., it becomes a region-wide "corporation" embracing twelve states. Former members of the "Board" become the controlling "members" of the Council. There is no provision for former "members of the Council" except through membership in "affiliated state organizations".

The role of S.R.C.'s members (Board) now, would need to include two functions: 1) Contribution of influence, in order that the region-wide services of the S.R.C. as a coordinating and resource agency, may be effective.

ANALYSIS OF PRESENT BOARD OF SRC

	WHITE	NEGRO
Alabama	Rev. A. S. Turnipseed 301 Dexter Ave., Montgomery	C. G. Gomillion - Teacher Tuskegee Institute
Arkansas	Mrs. W. F. Bates 125 Atkins St., Little Rock	Ulysses S. Bond Madison, Arkansas
Florida	Herbert M. Davidson - Editor Daytona Beach News Journal Daytona Beach, Florida	
Georgia	Morris B. Abram - Attorney Healey Building, Atlanta	Mrs. Cassandra M. Birnie - Attorney Atlanta, Georgia
	John A. Griffin - Teacher Emory University	R. E. Clement - College President Atlanta University, Atlanta
	Dr. J. M. Richards Columbia Theological Seminary Decatur, Georgia	L. D. Milton - Banker Atlanta, Georgia
	Morton Weiss 182 Marietta Street, Atlanta	Dr. H. V. Richardson - President Gammon Theological Seminary Atlanta, Georgia
	Miss Josephine Wilkins Athens, Georgia	B. E. Mays - College President Morehouse College, Atlanta, Georgia
		(Mrs. G. T. Hamilton - Social Worker) The Atlanta Urban League
Kentucky	Rt. Rev. Charles Clingman-Bishop 421 S. Second Street, Louisville	R. B. Atwood - College President Kentucky State College, Frankfort
		C. H. Parrish - Teacher University of Louisville, Louisville
Louisiana	John McCann - Business 231 Baronne Street, New Orleans	
	Miss Florence Sytz - Teacher Tulane School of Social Work New Orleans	
Mississippi	Rabbi Charles Mantinband 808 Mamie Street Hattiesburg	J. L. Reddix - College President Jackson College, Jackson

	WHITE	NEGRO
N. Carolina	Guy B. Johnson - Teacher University of N. Carolina Chapel Hill	John H. Wheeler - Banker Mechanics and Farmers Bank Durham
	Dr. E. A. McDowell - Teacher Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Wake Forest	
	Rt. Rev. E. A. Penick-Bishop 802 Hillsboro Street, Raleigh	
	Dr. Clyde Milner - College President Guilford College, North Carolina	
S. Carolina	James L. Coker - Business Sonoco Products, Hartsville	A. J. Clement - Business (Insurance) Station A, Box 36, Charleston
	Rev. M. V. Shean, CO - Priest Box 895, Rock Hill	
	Ralph Barbare - Teacher Winthrop Training School Rock Hill	
	(Mrs. E. H. Spearman) 1511 Laurel Street, Columbia	
Tennessee	Paul Christopher - Labor Leader 216 Flatiron Building, Knoxville	Charles S. Johnson - College President Fisk University, Nashville
	Mrs. E. U. Robinson 675 North Waters Street, Gallatin	
	Mrs. J. Fount Tillman Lewisburg, Tennessee	
Texas	S. Thomas Friedman - Social Worker Southwestern Jewish Community Relations Council, Houston	R. O'Hara Lanier - College President Texas Southern University, Houston
	Mrs. J. N. Rayzor 3207 Groveland Lane, Houston	Charles A. Shaw - Business (Insurance) Watchtower Life Insurance Company 2206 Dowling Street, Houston
	J. Edwin Smith - Attorney Scanlon Building, Houston	
Virginia	Paul D. Williams - Business 3320 Glouster Road Richmond	Alonzo G. Moron - College President Hampton Institute, Hampton
		Thomas W. Young - Publisher Journal and Guide, Norfolk

May 15, 1956

MEMORANDUM

TO: HCF
FBR
CHP
JH
NHA
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JC
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FROM: GEM

Here is a breakdown of the occupational interests of the members of the Board of SRC.

For some time Marion Wright has been urging that we all, in our on-going operations in the SRC, take people appropriate to our special fields of activities who are on the Board into our confidence. At the least we can keep them informed, and we ought wherever possible consult them in advance of action.

Might I have a memo from you showing ways in which it will be possible for you to draw these people into better understanding of what we do.

GM

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SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL

Board of Directors as of May 15, 1956

CATEGORY			
27 EDUCATORS	1.	R. B. Atwood	Frankfort, Ky.
	2.	Mrs. Manie B. Aycox	Houston, Texas
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	4.	R. E. Clement	Atlanta, Georgia
	5.	A. W. Dent	New Orleans, Louisiana
	6.	J. M. Ellison	Richmond, Virginia
	7.	Luther H. Foster	Tuskegee Institute, Alabama
	8.	C. G. Gomillion	Tuskegee Institute, Alabama
	9.	John A. Griffin	Emory University, Georgia
	10.	Gordon B. Hancock	Richmond, Virginia
	11.	M. Lafayette Harris	Little Rock, Arkansas
	12.	A. L. Johnson	Prentiss, Mississippi
	13.	Charles S. Johnson	Nashville, Tennessee
	14.	Guy B. Johnson	Chapel Hill, North Carolina
	15.	A. L. Kidd	Tallahassee, Florida
	16.	Dr. Elsie Lewis	Nashville, Tennessee
	17.	B. E. Mays	Atlanta, Georgia
	18.	E. A. McDowell	Wake Forest, North Carolina
	19.	A. G. Moron	Hampton, Virginia
	20.	W. H. Perry	Louisville, Kentucky
	21.	J. L. Reddix	Jackson, Mississippi
	22.	H. V. Richardson	Atlanta, Georgia
	23.	J. M. Richards	Decatur, Georgia
	24.	Miss Florence Syts	New Orleans, Louisiana
	25.	H. C. Trenholm	Montgomery, Alabama
	26.	R. D. Wellons	Pembroke, North Carolina
	27.	York Wilburn	Tuscaloosa, Alabama
13 BUSINESS MEN	1.	F. Woods Beckman	Knoxville, Tennessee
	2.	Ulysses S. Bond	Madison, Arkansas
	3.	I. H. Burney	Jacksonville, Florida
	4.	Jerome Crossman	Dallas, Texas
	5.	Fred K. Darragh	Little Rock, Arkansas
	6.	Philip Hammer	Atlanta, Georgia
	7.	John McCann	New Orleans, Louisiana
	8.	L. D. Milton	Atlanta, Georgia
	9.	Numa J. Rousseve	New Orleans, Louisiana
	10.	Charles A. Shaw	Houston, Texas
	11.	James E. Stewart	Oklahoma City, Okla
	12.	John H. Wheeler	Durham, North Carolina
	13.	Paul D. Williams	Richmond, Virginia
10 CLERGYMEN	1.	Olaf Anderson	Louisville, Kentucky
	2.	W. C. Brooks	Staunton, Virginia
	3.	Rt. Rev. Msgr. Brunini	Jackson, Mississippi
	4.	G. E. Clary	Atlanta, Georgia
	5.	Rt. Rev. C. Clingman	Louisville, Kentucky
	6.	Caxton Doggett	Miami, Florida

CLERGYMEN (cont'd)	7.	J. Claude Evans	Columbia, South Carolina
	8.	Duncan Hunter	Alexander City, Alabama
	9.	Rt. Rev. E. A. Penick	Raleigh, North Carolina
	10.	Very Rev. M. V. Shean	Rock Hill, South Carolina
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	7.	Mrs. Tommie Stroud	Waco, Texas
	8.	Miss Josephine Wilkins	Atlanta, Georgia
6 ATTORNEYS	1.	Leonard Haas	Atlanta, Georgia
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	3.	Hollis Rinehart	Miami, Florida
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1 LABOR OFFICIAL	1.	Paul Christopher	Knoxville, Tennessee
1 EXECUTIVE SECRETARY TEACHER ASSOCIATION	1.	W. E. Solomon	Columbia, South Carolina

TOTAL 77

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NEW ORLEANS 22, LOUISIANA

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

August 27, 1953

Dr. George S. Mitchell
Southern Regional Council
63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Doctor Mitchell:

I have the notice advising that an Executive Committee meeting has been set for Friday, September 25. This date is so closely related to school opening activities that it might be difficult for me to be present, but I shall keep the date in mind and come if I can conveniently do so.

Sincerely yours,

A. W. Dent
President

AWD:db

WALTER P. REUTHER
PRESIDENT

JOHN V. RIFFE
EXECUTIVE VICE-PRESIDENT

JAMES B. CAREY
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Congress of Industrial Organizations

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September 15, 1953

C.S.

Dr. George S. Mitchell
Executive Director
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear George:

Thanks for your note of September 9, with enclosed copy of your letter of September 8 to the Duke University Librarian concerning Lucy Mason's offer to place her Southern files in the Labor Archives Section of the Library at Duke University. I shall be glad to serve on the Committee named if her proposition is accepted, as I am sure it will be.

It is not going to be possible for me to attend the September 25th meeting of the SRC Executive Board. We are rapidly approaching success in our efforts to organize a North Carolina State Industrial Union Council and a final meeting has been scheduled on September 25th by the Planning Committee, which must take precedence over the SRC meeting.

With all good wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Paul

Paul R. Christopher
Regional Director, Region IV

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September 28, 1953

Mrs. Emily Calhoun
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
63 Auburn Avenue
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Mrs. Calhoun:

I delayed writing you because I had hoped until the last minute to get to the September 25 meeting. I had a meeting scheduled for Florida, and had hoped that on leaving the meeting at Miami, I would be able to come back by for the 25th. Unfortunately, I had to leave Miami on the 24th, and after I got out here, there was no chance to get by.

I sincerely hope to make the next meeting.

With every good wish, I am

Very truly yours,

Carter Wesley

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December 11, 1953

Dr. George S. Mitchell
63 Auburn Avenue, N.E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. Mitchell:

Friday, January 22, is the best time for me for the Executive Committee meeting. I think I can make Wednesday, the 20th, if that date is best for the other members.

We trust you and family will have a happy holiday season.

Yours sincerely,

Harry V. Richardson

Harry V. Richardson
President

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December 19, 1953

Miss Katherine Stoney
Secretary-Treasurer
Southern Regional Council
63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Miss Stoney:

My schedule is awfully tight during the third week in January. If I can attend at all a meeting of the SRC Executive Committee, it would need to be on Wednesday, January 20.

Sincerely yours,

A. W. Dent
President

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December 29, 1953

Mr. Marion A. Wright
"Top Knot"
Linville Falls, N. C.

Dear Mr. Wright:

The next meeting of the SRC Executive Committee will be held on Wednesday, January 20th at the Council office, beginning at 10:00 a.m.

We will look forward to having you with us then.

Best wishes,

Sincerely,

Katherine Stoney,
Secretary-Treasurer

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Same letter (out) to all members of Ex Com - 12/29/53 -

Southern Regional Council, Inc.
63 AUBURN AVENUE, N. E. ATLANTA 3, GEORGIA

December 29, 1953

Mr. Marion A. Wright
"Top Knot"
Linville Falls, N. C.

Dear Mr. Wright:

The next meeting of the SRC Executive Committee will be held on Wednesday, January 20th at the Council office, beginning at 10:00 a.m.

We will look forward to having you with us then.

Best wishes,

Sincerely,
Katherine Stoney
Katherine Stoney,
Secretary-Treasurer

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Will be there. Please reserve room at Piedmont for night of Jan. 19.
Thanks.
M. A. W.

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Dr. George S. Mitchell
63 Auburn Avenue, N.E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. Mitchell:

Unfortunately, it develops that I shall have to be in Boston through Tuesday, January 19, attending meetings of the United Negro College Fund. I doubt that I can get back to Atlanta by the morning of the 20th. It probably means that I shall have to miss this session of the Executive Committee. I am sorry.

Sincerely yours,

Harry V. Richardson

Harry V. Richardson
President

HVR:d

Wed 10th Feb.

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January 15, 1954

Rev. Maurice Shean, C.O.
The Oratory
Rock Hill, S. C.

Dear Father Shean:

We found on yesterday that so few of our members could attend the scheduled meeting of the SRC Executive Committee that we would not have a quorum. We have, therefore, with the consent of Mr. Wright, postponed this meeting until February 10th, hoping that more people can come at that time. I do hope that this date will be better for you too.

We appreciate your willingness to come for the January 20th meeting and trust that you can be with us in February.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

Katherine Stoney,
Secretary-Treasurer

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January 18, 1954

Miss Katherine Stoney
Secretary-Treasurer
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Miss Stoney:

They say, "The best laid plans of mice and men gang aft agley." The one time I had a cinch to make the meeting was this time, we have a workshop set up for the Publishers for January 21, 22nd and 23rd. I had scheduled myself to make your meeting on the 20th and come on back there and then home. I will do my best to readjust my schedule to try to make the February 10 meeting.

I had a copy of the New South recently, and thought it was excellent. In fact, many of them have been unusually good from my standpoint, but it may be I am particularly interested in analyses and discussion of these educational cases, and I thought the coverage in the last edition of New South was perfect.

Very truly yours,

Carter Wesley

Carter Wesley

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I prefer the following date for the next meeting of the SRC Executive Committee.

Wednesday, January 20, 1954 ✓

Friday, January 22, 1954 _____

Signed Gordon Atkinson

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I prefer the following date for the next meeting of the SRC Executive Committee.

Wednesday, January 20, 1954 ✓

Friday, January 22, 1954 Cannot be there Jan. 22

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Signed Paul Christopher

I prefer the following date for the next meeting of the SRC Executive Committee;

Wednesday, January 20, 1954 yes

Friday, January 22, 1954 _____

But can attend on either date

Signed A. D. Mynders

I prefer the following date for the next meeting of the SRC Executive Committee.

Wednesday, January 20, 1954 ✓

Friday, January 22, 1954 _____

Signed Samuel Maxwell Bruce

I prefer the following date for the next meeting of the SRC Executive Committee.

Wednesday, January 20, 1954 ✓

Friday, January 22, 1954 _____

Signed Maurice V. Seamans

I prefer the following date for the next meeting of the Southern Regional Council Executive Committee

Wednesday, January 20, 1954 _____

Friday, January 22, 1954 ✓

Signed Harry S. Richardson

I prefer the following date for the next meeting of the SRC Executive Committee.

Wednesday, January 20, 1954 _____

Friday, January 22, 1954 ✓

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Signed [illegible]

I prefer the following date for the next meeting of the SRC Executive Committee.

Wednesday, January 20, 1954 _____

Friday, January 22, 1954 ✓

Signed Leonard Haas

I prefer the following date for the next meeting of the SRC Executive Committee,

Wednesday, January 20, 1954 _____

Friday, January 22, 1954 ✓

Either date o.k.

Signed M. A. Dwyer

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I prefer the following date for the next meeting of the SRC Executive Committee

Wednesday, January 20, 1954 _____

Friday, January 22, 1954 _____

Sorry neither date satisfactory out of city

Signed Lucius E. Clement

The Catholic Committee of the South

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ROCK HILL, SOUTH CAROLINA

January 21, 1954

Miss Catherine Stoney
Secretary-Treasurer
Southern Regional Council
63 Auburn Avenue N. E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Miss Stoney:

Thank you for your Special Delivery. I am a little bit sorry that the meeting had to be postponed. But at the moment, I see no reason why I should not be able to attend the one on February 10th.

Sincerely yours in Christ and St. Philip,

Maurice V. Shean

(Very Rev.) Maurice V. Shean, C. O.
Provost

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January 22, 1954

Miss Katherine Stoney
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Miss Stoney:

I regret, exceedingly, that I cannot attend an Executive Committee meeting on February 10. On that date I am committed to speak at Florida A. and M. College.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

A. W. Dent
President

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MEMBER
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Mr. Clement will not be in the city on Feb. 10th.

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THIS IS NEKOOSA BOND SALMON SUBSTANCE 20

January 27, 1954

Mrs. Cassandra M.Birnie
864 Hunter Street,
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mrs. Birnie:

As a follow up to my telephone conversation with you, I want to remind you that the meeting of the Executive Committee of SRC which was postponed from January 20th is to be held in the Council office on Wednesday, February 10th.

We hope that this date will be better for you and that you can be with us. Will you please let us know, using the enclosed card, that you can come so we will know whether we have a quorum this time.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely,

Katherine Stoney,
Secretary-Treasurer

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January 27, 1954

Mr. Paul Christopher
216 Flatiron Building
Knoxville, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Christopher:

This is to let you know that the meeting of the Executive Committee of SRC which was to have been held on January 20th had to be cancelled at the last minute because we could not get enough members present for a quorum. Since you had already let us know that you could not be there, I did not notify you at that time.

Now we are setting another date - February 10th (Wednesday) and hope that that will be better for you. Will you please let us know whether you can be with us then. The meeting will be held in the Council office beginning at 10:00 a.m.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely,

Katherine Stoney,
Secretary-Treasurer

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January 27, 1954

Mr. Leonard Haas
Haas-Howell Bldg.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Haas:

This is to remind you that the meeting of the SRC Executive Committee which was postponed from January 20th is to be held on Wednesday, February 10th in the Council office beginning at 10:00 a.m.

We hope very much that you can be with us. Will ypu please let us know, using the enclosed card.

With kindest regards.

Sincerely,

Katherine Stoney,
Secretary-Treasurer

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January 27, 1954

Dr. Gordon B. Hancock
Box 6056
Richmond 20, Virginia

Dear Dr. Hancock:

As I wrote you on January 15th, the meeting of the SRC Executive Committee which had to be postponed is now scheduled to be held on Wednesday, February 10th in the Council office, beginning at 10:00 a.m.

We hope very much that you can be with us for this meeting. Will you please let us know, using the enclosed card.

Sincerely yours,

Katharine Stoney,
Secretary-Treasurer

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January 27, 1954

Mr. Alfred Mynders
The Chattanooga Times
Chattanooga, Tenn.

Dear Mr. Mynders:

When it was found, on almost the last day, that we would not have a quorum for the meeting of the SRC Executive Committee which was scheduled for January 20th, we consulted with Mr. Wright and decided to postpone the meeting. We were without stenographic help on that day and had a number of pressing matters on hand so I did not get letters to the members of the Committee who had definitely said they could not come.

Now we are trying again to set a date and have chosen Wednesday, February 10th as a possible time. Will you please let us know whether you can be present on that day - the time will be 10:00 a.m. and the place the Council office.

We appreciate your kind cooperation and interest very much.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely,

Katherine Stoney,
Secretary-Treasurer

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January 27, 1954

Dr. Harry V. Richardson
Gammon Theological Seminary
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. Richardson:

As I told your secretary by phone, the January 20th meeting of the SRC Executive Committee had to be postponed because we were not able to get a quorum present.

The date now set for the meeting is Wednesday, February 10th in the Council office beginning at 10:00 a.m. We hope that this will be better for you and that you can be with us. Will you please let us know - on card enclosed - whether you can come.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely,

Katherine Stoney,
Secretary-Treasurer

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January 27, 1954

Rev. Maurice V. Shean, C.O.
Box 895
Rock Hill, South Carolina

Dear Father Shean:

Thank you very much for your letter.

I do hope that you can be with us for the February 10th meeting of the SRC Executive Committee. It will be held as usual in the Council office beginning at 10:00 a.m.

So that we may be sure of having a quorum this time, I'm asking the member to indicate whether they can come. A card is enclosed.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely,

Katherine Stoney,
Secretary-Treasurer

ks
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January 27, 1954

Rev. A. S. Turnipseed
1429 Gilmer Avenue,
Montgomery, Alabama

Dear Mr. Turnipseed:

As I wrote you on January 15th, the meeting of the SRC Executive Committee which had to be postponed is now scheduled to be held on Wednesday, February 10th in the Council office beginning at 10:00 a.m.

We hope very much that you can be with us for this meeting. Will you please let us know, using the enclosed card.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely yours,

Katherine Stoney,
Secretary-Treasurer

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January 27, 1954

Mr. Carter Wesley
P.O. Box 3086
Houston, Texas

Dear Mr. Wesley:

I am very sorry that we had to postpone the January 20th meeting of the SRC Executive Committee, especially so because you might have been with us. But we found that only about one member could come and so thought it would be useless to have the meeting without better representation.

Now we are hoping that the new date, February 10th will be a possible one for many of the people. And we do hope that you can come. You have certainly been faithful and interested even if circumstances have prevented your being with us.

Thank you for your good letter. We have been gratified by the response to our pamphlets and hope that we may have made some small impression on the thinking of the Southern people.

With kindest regards to you and Mrs. Wesley,

Sincerely,

Katherine Stoney,
Secretary-Treasurer

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January 27, 1954

Mr. M. A. Wright
"Top Knot"
Linville Falls, N. C.

Dear Mr. Wright:

We have notified all the members of the Executive Committee that the meeting is now scheduled for February 10th and will hope for better luck this time. I have sent cards for their reply in the letters - as soon as they are in I'll let you know what success we have had on attendance.

The annual audit is completed and copies have been made. I'm mailing you one today. You will see that while we did not entirely wipe out the deficit as I had hoped, we did reduce it by about half again this year. Surely in another year we can clear it entirely.

We will look forward to seeing you on February 10th.

Kindest regards,

Sincerely,

Katherine Stoney,
Secretary-Treasurer

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I will ✓, will not ___, be present at the SRC Executive Committee meeting, Tuesday, April 6, 1954.

Signed M. A. Wright

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card 3/19/54
reserve room at Piedmont
Night of April 5. Thanks.

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I will ✓, ~~will not~~ ___, be present at the SRC Executive Committee meeting, Tuesday, April 6, 1954.

Signed Gordon B. Hancock

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I will ✓, will not ___, be present at the SRC Executive Committee meeting, Tuesday, April 6, 1954.

Signed John A. Griffin

I will ✓, ~~will~~ not ___, be present at the SRC Executive Committee meeting, Tuesday, April 6, 1954.

Signed Samuel M. Brownell

I will ____, ~~will not~~ ____, be present at the SRC Executive Committee meeting, Tuesday, April 6, 1954.

Signed Howard Kaus

I will yes, will not ____ be present at the SRC, Executive Committee meeting, Tuesday, April 6, 1954.

Signed A J Lynden

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OK —

John A. Griffin

I will ____, will not ____ be present at the SRC Executive Committee meeting, Tuesday, April 6, 1954.

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Signed R Dent

I think now that I can attend this meeting.

I will ___, [redacted], be present at the SRC Executive Committee meeting, Tuesday, April 6, 1954.

Signed Paul Christopher

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I will ___, will not ✓, be present at the SRC Executive Committee meeting, Tuesday, April 6, 1954.

Signed Harry S. Richardson

Sorry. I will be in Indiana all of that week. H.S.R.

I will ___, will not ✓, be present at the SRC Executive Committee meeting, Tuesday, April 6, 1954.

Signed Maurice V. Shean

June 24, 1954

Mrs. Cassandra M. Birnie
864 Hunter Street, SW
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mrs. Birnie:

The next meeting of the Executive Committee of the Southern Regional Council will be held in Atlanta in late July. We would like to propose the following dates for your selection - either Wednesday, July 28th or Friday, July 30th.

We realize that it is difficult to get attendance at meetings during the summer but we do feel that this one is important and should warrant your attendance if you can possibly come.

Will you please indicate on the enclosed card which of the dates is best for you? We will let you know the date chosen as soon as the cards are in.

Sincerely,

Katherine Stoney,
Secretary-Treasurer

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My choice for the meeting of the SRC Executive Committee is:

Wednesday, July 28th _____

Friday, July 30th _____

Signed _____

I will / ~~will not~~ be present for the meeting of the Southern Regional Council Executive Committee on Friday, September 25, at 10:00 a. m.

L. Swan
Signed

I will / ~~will not~~ be present for the meeting of the Southern Regional Council Executive Committee on Friday, September 25, at 10:00 a. m.

W. A. Wright
Signed

I will / will not be present for the meeting of the Southern Regional Council Executive Committee on Friday, September 25, at 10:00 a. m.

A. S. Turnipseed
Signed

I will ~~will not~~ be present for the meeting of the Southern Regional Council Executive Committee on Friday, September 25, at 10:00 a. m.

Harry S. Richardson
Signed

I will ~~will not~~ be present for the meeting of the Southern Regional Council Executive Committee on Friday, September 25, at 10:00 a. m.

A. J. Muste
Signed

I will ~~will not~~ be present for the meeting of the Southern Regional Council Executive Committee on Friday, September 25, at 10:00 a. m.

Lamar Cobb
Signed

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I will ~~will not~~ be present for the meeting of the Southern Regional Council Executive Committee on Friday, Septmeber 25, at 10:00 a. m.

Cassandra M. Blair
Signed

I will ~~will not~~ be present for the meeting of the Southern Regional Council Executive Committee on Friday, September 25, at 10:00 a. m.

John A. Griffin
Signed

I ~~will~~ will not be present for the meeting of the Southern Regional Council Executive Committee on Friday, September 25, at 10:00 a. m.

Rufus E. Clement
Signed

Very Sorry. Will be in NY

I will try hard to ~~will not~~ be present for the meeting of the Southern Regional Council Executive Committee on Friday, September 25, at 10:00 a. m.

Paul R. Christopher
Signed

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I ~~will~~ will not be present for the meeting of the Southern Regional Council Executive Committee on Friday, September 25, at 10:00 a. m.

Gordon B. Hancock
Signed

Detained at last minute

MEMORANDUM #4

FROM: George S. Mitchell, Executive Director, Southern Regional Council, 63 Auburn Avenue, N. E., Atlanta, Georgia.

TO: Chairmen of State Divisions of the Southern Regional Council.

By-Laws for Affiliated Organizations

In the period since the issuance of Memorandum #1, discussions have proceeded with people in various of the states as to the form of reorganization which the states would wish to adopt.

Two broad patterns appear.

The first contemplates future organization much as at present. The governing body would be an annual membership meeting, electing an executive board to be responsible for the conduct of the organization between annual meetings, and the board to choose the officers of the organization and select and supervise the employed staff. There would be rotating terms of office for members of the board.

The second, which has been chosen particularly by Kentucky, eliminates the annual membership meeting as its governing body and, while seeking members of the organization, puts the full power of the organization into the hands of a broadly representative executive board. In Kentucky it is proposed that the members of the board shall, for the most part, be persons whose standing in various movements and groups throughout the state will be of importance to the work of the Kentucky organization as a coordinating agency. Specifically, the Kentucky group proposes the name, Kentucky Council of Human Relations.

Attached to this memorandum is a set of By-Laws which would accomplish the first type of organization. Also attached is a set of alternates to certain stipulated clauses of the By-Laws, which alternates would accomplish a structure of the kind proposed in Kentucky.

The sort of organization most of the states have had -- being the sort proposed in the By-Laws as presented here in full -- would have the ready approval of the Southern Regional Council. This office is well disposed toward a broad membership organization as providing a democratic basis for the operation of the state group, and as providing a steady source of dues and contacts for the organizations' educational efforts.

In some of the states it has been found that the effort to build a substantial membership organization would detract from the more important purpose of building an effective coordination within the state of all the forces working toward the Council's general purpose.

The primary purpose of the Southern Regional Council is to launch in each of twelve Southern states a permanent, well-rooted, state organization adapted to the needs of each state. We will consider, with some predisposition toward approval, whatever carefully thought out changes in the particular By-Laws, or in general structure, you may care to propose.

The points covered in Article X of these sample By-Laws must be covered in the By-Laws of any state organization affiliated with the Southern Regional Council

While these By-Laws are sent as a useful guide, we do not mean that they should be automatically adopted. We want each state to set up the kind of organization that it will be happy with.

Enclosures

9/2/54

MEMORANDUM #5

TO: Chairmen and Staff of State Organizations

FROM: Katherine Stoney, Secretary-Treasurer, Southern Regional Council, Inc., 63 Auburn Avenue, N. E., Atlanta, Georgia

PLAN FOR FINANCING OF STATE ORGANIZATIONS

The total amount of the grant from the Fund for the Republic which is to be used for the twelve state organizations is $158,800.00, or approximately $13,200.00 per state organization. It covers the period from their organization through September 30, 1955. In addition, each organization is to raise not less than $1,800.00 which provides a minimum budget of approximately $15,000.00.

Each state organization will have an executive secretary at a salary of $5,000.00 per year, a clerk-stenographer, and some additional professional staff for which we suggest that funds be reserved until final plans can be made.

All salaries will be paid directly from the Central Office which will be responsibile for withholding and social security records and collections. Sufficient funds will be held in the Central Office to cover salaries and social security payments from the time state operations begin through September 30, 1955. This amount will be approximately $11,200.00. The remaining $2,000.00 plus the amount raised by the state organization (not <u>less</u> than $1,800.00) is to be used for travel, rent, communications, office supplies, etc. It can be paid to you in quarterly amounts, upon request, with the provision that state offices plan so as to have no deficit at the end of the period.

All money which you raise by contributions, memberships, etc. is for local use. It is agreed, however, that you will send to the Central Office $2.00 for each of your members, this to cover the cost of a <u>New South</u> subscription. This should be taken into account as you make your budget.

The Council is required by the Fund for the Republic to make quarterly finance reports for both the Central Office and the state organizations. In order to do this we will need to have from you a report of your income and

expenses for each month. A supply of the attached printed form on which you will file these reports will be sent to you as soon as you need them. We ask that you keep this report in duplicate, recording receipts and disbursements each day, and at the end of each month sending us the original, holding the duplicate for your records. This will probably serve as your bookkeeping system, at least in the beginning.

The Council carries a blanket bond covering all employees of both the Central Office and the affiliated state organizations.

We suggest that the state executive secretary and either his executive committee or a finance committee, work out together a tentative budget for the year based on needs and the prevailing costs for rent, travel, telephone, etc. in your state. We would like to have a copy of this proposed budget for our information and would like also to have some information as to plans for raising funds within your own state.

The Fund for the Republic has promised help to the Council for two additional periods, in sums less than that given this year. But such help is dependent on both our success at raising the money locally to supplement their grant and our carrying on the program outlined in our request to them. Our ultimate goal is self-sustaining organizations in each state and all financial planning needs to keep this in mind.

Suggested budget for state organizations based on 12 months operation:

INCOME

Money allotted from SRC	$ 13,200.00	
To be raised locally	1,800.00	
		$ 15,000.00

EXPENSES

Salary, executive secretary	$ 5,000.00	
Salary, steno-clerk	2,500.00	
Social Security, bond, insurance, etc.	200.00	
Reserved toward additional professional staff	3,500.00	
Travel	1,500.00	
Rent	900.00	
Supplies	400.00	
Furniture	500.00	
Communications	500.00	
		$15,000.00

Approved by George S. Mitchell

September 21, 1954

MEMORANDUM #6

September 23, 1954

TO: Chairmen of State Divisions or Affiliates in Cooperating Communities and Executive Secretaries

FROM: George S. Mitchell, Executive Director, Southern Regional Council, Inc., 63 Auburn Avenue, N. E., Atlanta, Georgia

We have recognized that the "effective human relations service" which state organizations will be establishing in the months ahead requires the assistance of both white and Negro professional staff members. This is necessary in order that the staff of state organizations provide evidence in their make-up of a working relationship of equals in behalf of the common welfare, and for perhaps the even more important reason, that the insights of both Negro and white staff members are needed in the task of extending the areas of communication across racial lines throughout the state — a basic purpose of our state organizations.

The funds which are available to assist the state organizations are sufficient to provide each state with two full professional staff members and to cover the other costs of the organization. We originally suggested (Memo #1) that associates might be shared by two states. This proposal has been reconsidered in the light of other suggestions which seem to be more acceptable to state groups. It is now recommended that the executive committees of state organizations, in consultation with the SRC staff from the Central Office, consider securing a racially balanced staff through one of the following methods:

1. Assume the responsibility for increasing the state's budget by raising an additional $2,500.00. This will enable the employment of two full-time professional staff members one white and one Negro, on the same salary basis. We believe that this plan has many advantages. It will double the possibility of effectiveness and thus increase the ease with which support for the program can be secured within the state. If this plan is accepted by a state, its budget would be as follows:

Income		Expenditures	
SRC assistance	$13,000.00	Professional salaries (2)	$10,000.00
Raised by state	4,300.00	Clerical	2,500.00
		Social Security, Ins., etc.	500.00
		Rent, office operations, travel, communications, etc.	4,300.00
Total	$17,300.00		$17,300.00

Under this plan, the state committee and the professional staff would assume responsibility for raising a sufficient amount to cover office and operational costs — and the SRC assistance would cover all salaries. It will of course be possible to arrange for advances from the SRC for small initial amounts needed to begin functioning as an organizational unit.

In some states, (Tennessee may be one) it may be advisable for geographical reasons, to develop sub-committees of the state organization in sections of the state, and to have staff members located in these sections for work in that part of the state. Under these circumstances a state-area committee with its staff member's assistance might be able to assume responsibility for raising half of the state's total, ($2,150.00) and whatever more seems necessary for the operation of the state-area office and program.

In states where this plan seems desirable, the budget might be as follows:

Income			Expenditures (Area I and II)	
Area I			Professional salary	$ 5,000.00
SRC assistance	$6,500.00		Clerical salary	1,200.00
Raised in the area	2,150.00		Travel, office operation, rent, communications, etc.	2,450.00
Total		$ 8,650.00	Total	$ 8,650.00
Area II				
SRC assistance	$6,500.00		Same as above	
Raised in the area	2,150.00			
Total		$ 8,650.00	Total	$ 8,650.00
State total (2 areas)		$17,300.00	Total (2 areas)	$17,300.00

2. Secure the services on a "consultant" basis of one or more persons who are already employed within the state. Such "state consultants" would be regarded as members of the state staff, should be included in all planning meetings of the state organization, and should be available for short time consultative services to groups within the state working upon the organization's purpose and program. Criteria for choosing consultants would include their commitment to the purpose of the SRC, a knowledge of the state and its people, some experience in and knowledge of community organization and the confidence and respect of Negro and white citizens. (These criteria of course are ones which should be considered in making all nominations for staff positions.) Such persons might be members of teaching faculties of colleges, they might be volunteer leaders of organizations with purposes related to those of the SRC, or they might be former staff members of agencies with a concern about human relations.

The funds available make possible ten days of services per month on an honorarium basis of $20.00 per day. Travel costs would be included in the state's budget. Honoraria would be paid by the SRC Central Office on the basis of vouchers presented monthly.

This plan has the advantage of increasing the number of persons who will be carrying responsibility for interpreting the program of the organization, and of adding to the total insights and skills within the staff of the organization. Its limitation, in contrast to the first plan described above, is that there will be only one full-time professional staff member during a period when more are badly needed.

A word on possibilities for securing support for the state's program:

It is necessary to secure only 600 members within a state in order to have $1,800.00 for the state organization's treasury -- and at the same time to increase the reading audience for New South. We believe that expansion of the subscribers to New South will increase the understanding of the state organization's purpose and will thus help in its achievement. (Six hundred members @ $5.00 each = 600 New South subscriptions ($2.00 each) = $1,800.00 state treasury and $1,200.00 to New South.) Five individual or group contributions of $100.00, and forty contributions of $25.00 would complete the obligation of the state organization for its financial support for the first year.

In the weeks ahead SRC staff members for program development will be able to visit with you and other SRC members in your state, and talk with you about the possibilities for staffing, financing and helping to get your state organization ready for the important work ahead.

FILE COPY

Emory University, Georgia
January 31, 1955

Dr. George S. Mitchell,
Executive Director
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Sir:

An examination has been made of the books and records of the SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC., Atlanta, Georgia, for the period of ~~January 1, 1954 to~~ December 31, 1954.

The following Exhibits and Schedules, together with Comments, are shown below:

Exhibit A - Balance Sheet, December 31, 1954
Exhibit B - Statement of Income and Expenses - Operating Fund, January 1, 1954 to December 31, 1954
Exhibit C - Statement of Income and Expenses - State Organizations, June 1, 1954 to December 31, 1954
Exhibit D - Statement of Receipts and Disbursements - Central Office, January 1, 1954 to December 31, 1954
Schedule 1 - Bank Reconciliation Statements - First National Bank and Citizens Trust Company
Schedule 2 - Accounts Receivable - Miscellaneous Literature
Schedule 3 - Accounts Payable
Schedule 4 - Statement of Receipts and Disbursements - Fellowship of the Concerned, January 1 to December 31, 1954
Schedule 5 - Statement of Receipts and Disbursements - Commission on Equal Penalties, Jan. 1 to Dec. 31, 1954
Schedule 6 - Analysis of Receipts and Disbursements - State Divisions, January 1 to December 31, 1954

COMMENTS

Cash In Bank - Central Office - $6,435.78
Cash In Bank - State Organizations - $4,710.19

All recorded receipts were traced to bank deposits and disbursements were compared with cancelled checks. Bank balances at December 31, 1954 were confirmed by correspondence with the depositories.

Savings Accounts - $180,000.00

Savings certificates in the amount of $60,000. were counted. Savings accounts amounting to $120,000. were confirmed by depository banks.

Accounts Receivable - $259.69

This account represents sales of literature. As of January 15, 1955, $183.37 had been collected. The balance is considered good.

Accrued Payroll Taxes - $1,144.60

This represents income taxes withheld and social security taxes for December, 1954.

Accounts Payable - $502.47

This amount is for current operating expenses incurred during December. Invoices were examined.

Due to Special Projects - $1,797.06

The amounts shown on the Balance Sheet belong to the projects indicated. It is expected that the amount due to State Divisions will be cleared out soon.

Advance Appropriations - $169,700.00

The advance from the Fund for the Republic covers the next nine months of operation. The Doris Duke Foundation grant was made specifically for an Information Services project for 1955.

Expenses shown in Exhibit C cover six state organizations set up with employed staff and two in the process of organization.

Schedule 6 shows an analysis by states of receipts and disbursements under the old plan whereby the Council shared with the state divisions in members dues. This plan is now being eliminated.

Respectfully,

L. E. Campbell

L. E. Campbell, C.P.A.

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SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC.
Atlanta, Georgia

BALANCE SHEET
December 31, 1954

ASSETS

Cash In Bank - Regular (Sch.1)	$ 6,435.78	
Cash In Bank - Special Projects (Sch.1)	4,710.19	
Savings Accounts	180,000.00	
Accounts Receivable	259.69	
Inventory - Pamphlets	500.00	
Total Assets		$ 191,905.66

LIABILITIES

Accounts Payable (Sch. 2)		$ 502.47	
Accrued Payroll Taxes		1,144.60	
Due to Special Projects			
Commission on Equal Penalties	341.07		
Fellowship of the Concerned	1370.99	1,712.06	
Due to State Divisions		85.00	
Advance Appropriations:			
Fund for the Republic -	$159,700.00		
Doris Duke Foundation -	10,000.00	169,700.00	
Total Liabilities			$ 173,144.13
Surplus, December 31, 1954			$ 18,761.53
			$ 191,905.66

EXHIBIT A

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC.
Atlanta, Georgia

Statement of Income and Expense - Operating Fund
January 1, 1954 to December 31, 1954

INCOME

Contributions:		
Church Sources:		
Methodist:		
Woman's Division of Christian Service	$ 1,200.00	
Division of National Missions	250.00	
Board of Education	300.00	
Woman's Societies of Christian Service in the South	154.00	$ 1,904.00
Presbyterian Church, U.S.:		
Board of Church Extension		200.00
Presbyterian Church, U.S.A.:		
Board of National Missions		250.00
Episcopal:		
National Council, Protestant Episcopal Church	$ 1,000.00	
Woman's Auxiliary, Diocese of Florida	15.00	1,015.00
Miscellaneous		20.00
Total Church Contributions		$ 3,389.00
Labor Organizations:		
United Auto Workers of America - CIO	$ 1,000.00	
United Steelworkers of America - CIO	1,000.00	
Congress of Industrial Organizations	1,000.00	
United Rubber Workers- CIO	200.00	
American Federation of Labor	1,000.00	
International Ladies Garment Workers' Union- A.F.L.	500.00	
Total Labor Organizations		4,700.00
Foundation Sources:		
Ford Foundation	$ 5,000.00	
Sidney Hillman Foundation	1,500.00	
Edgar Stern Family Fund	300.00	
Marion R. Ascoli Fund	300.00	
Sigmund Silberman Foundation	300.00	
Lucius and Eva Eastman Fund	250.00	
Samuel and Augusta Rosenwald Foundation	200.00	
Miscellaneous	10.00	
Total Foundation Sources		7,860.00

Organization Sources:		
United Jewish Appeal, (S.C.)	$75.00	
North Carolina Teachers Association	50.00	
Miscellaneous	23.26	
Total Organization Sources		$ 148.26
Members Dues		1,882.50
Honoraria		1,085.63
Sales of Miscellaneous Literature		4,026.44
New South Subscriptions		712.38
Interest income		33.33
Contributions from Individuals		1,620.04
From Fund for the Republic Grant		40,600.00
Transfer from Special Project		958.30
Total Income		$ 67,015.88

Expenses - Operating Fund
January 1, 1954 to December 31, 1954

	Paid	Due Dec. 31	Total
Salaries, Central Office	$ 41,785.57		$ 41,785.57
Travel	6,260.26	7.12	6,267.38
Printing	6,087.73	208.78	6,296.51
Rent	1,335.00		1,335.00
Telephone & Telegraph	1,425.56	176.00	1,601.56
Postage	718.43		718.43
Books & subscriptions	248.69	15.00	263.69
Accounting Fees	185.00		185.00
Insurance	774.59		774.59
Office Supplies	1,425.24	95.57	1,520.81
Annual Meeting Expense	1,473.88		1,473.88
Williamsburg Conference	2,828.34		2,828.34
Interest	.62		.62
O.A.B. Taxes	489.91	63.12	553.03
Bank Exchange	5.80		5.80
Georgia Sales Tax	17.06		17.06
Office Equipment	666.10		666.10
Office Alterations	1,680.24		1,680.24
Consultants' Fees	1,382.10		1,382.10
Miscellaneous Expense	369.64		369.64
Totals	$ 69,159.76	$ 565.59	$ 69,725.35

Total Income - 1954	$ 67,015.88
Total Expense - 1954	69,725.35
Excess of Expense over Income	$ 2,709.47

EXHIBIT B
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SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC.
Atlanta, Georgia

Statement of Income and Expense - State Organizations
June 1, 1954 to December 31, 1954

INCOME

Appropriation from Fund for the Republic	$ 39,700.00
North Carolina Council on Human Relations	250.00
Total Income	$ 39,950.00

DISBURSEMENTS

	Salaries	Local expenses	Total
Alabama	$1,422.71	$ 500.00	$ 1,922.71
Georgia	3,645.82	600.00	4,245.82
Kentucky		500.00	500.00
Louisiana	3,416.63	600.00	4,016.63
North Carolina	1,500.00	1,100.00	2,600.00
South Carolina	1,249.98		1,249.98
Tennessee		107.46	107.46
Texas	1,041.65	650.00	1,691.65
	12,276.79	4,057.46	16,334.25
O.A.B. Taxes			141.70
			$ 16,475.95

Total Receipts	$ 39,950.00
Total Disbursements	16,475.95
Surplus	$ 23,474.05

EXHIBIT C

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC.
Atlanta, Georgia

Statement of Reeeipts and Disbursements - Central Office
January 1, 1954 to December 31, 1954

RECEIPTS

Balance, January 1, 1954		$ 260.98
Church Sources (Exhibit B)	$ 3,389.00	
Labor Sources (Exhibit B)	4,700.00	
Foundation Sources (Exhibit B)	7,860.00	
Organization Sources (Exhibit B)	148.26	
Individuals (Exhibit B)	1,620.04	
Members Dues	1,882.50	
Sale of Miscellaneous Literature	3,766.75	
New South Subscriptions	712.38	
Honoraria	1,085.63	
Interest Income	33.33	
Contribution from Foundation (for 1955)	10,000.00	
Fund for the Republic	81,200.00	
Transfer from Special Project	958.30	
Accounts Receivable - Sale of literature	718.45	
State Divisions	653.50	
Bank Loan	990.00	
Old checks - stopped payment	5.50	
Total Receipts		119,723.64
		$ 119,984.62

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC.
Atlanta, Georgia

DISBURSEMENTS

Salaries paid	$ 42,619.20	
Rent	1,335.00	
Travel	6,260.26	
Telephone & Telegraph	1,425.56	
Postage	718.43	
Books & Magazine subscriptions	248.69	
Accounting Fees	185.00	
Insurance	774.59	
Office Supplies	1,425.24	
Interest expense	.62	
O.A.B. Taxes	520.10	
Withholding Taxes (Dec. 1953)	219.10	
Georgia Sales Tax	17.06	
Bank charges	5.80	
1953 Accounts Payable	999.16	
Bank Loan	990.00	
Williamsburg Conference	2,828.34	
Consultants' Fees and Honoraria	1,382.10	
Office Equipment	666.10	
Office Alteration	1,680.24	
Annual Meeting Expense	1,473.88	
Paid to State Divisions	817.00	
Miscellaneous Expense	369.64	
Printing	6,587.73	
Total Disbursements		$ 73,548.84

Total Receipts:	$ 119,984.62
Total Disbursements	73,548.84
Balance, Dec. 31, 1954	$ 46,435.78

Represented by:

First National Bank, checking account	$ 6,435.78
C. & S. Nat. Bank, savings account	40,000.00
	$ 46,435.78

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC.
Atlanta, Georgia

SCHEDULE OF ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE
December 31, 1954

American Heritage Project, N. C. Library Commission	$ 7.00
North Carolina Council on Human Relations	2.50
Mr. J.C. Evans, Civilian Ass't. Office of Assistant Secretary of Defense	2.50
The American Jewish Committee	5.20
Campus Book Store, University of Kentucky	7.30
Urban League of Portland, Oregon	7.86
Florida Normal and Industrial Memorial College	15.64
Mrs. T. R. Gooding, Miami, Florida	1.87
Mr. W. W. Law, Savannah, Ga., NAACP	14.00
National Education Association of the U.S.	62.37
Rev. C. Anderson Davis, Bluefield, W. Va.	4.20
Mrs. Earl D. Cotton, Arkansas Council of Church Women	15.75
Virginia Council of Churches	111.50
Dr. P. W. Hill, Clarksdale, Miss.	1.00
	$ 259.69

Schedule 2

SCHEDULE OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE
December 31, 1954

Vendor	Amount
Stein Printing Co.	$ 208.78
Southern Bell Tel. Co.	164.82
Western Union Tel. Co.	11.18
Elliott Addressing Co.	33.80
Ceco Stationery Co.	9.51
Office Supply Co.	30.88
Kee Lox Mfg. Co.	14.42
Mimeograph Co.	6.96
Burrell Press Clipping Co.	15.00
Mrs. M.E. Tilly, travel	7.12
	$ 502.47

Distribution:

Printing	$ 208.78
Office Supplies	95.57
Books & sub.	15.00
Travel	7.12
Telephone & Telegraph	176.00
	$ 502.47

Schedule 3

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC.
Atlanta, Georgia

Bank Reconciliation Statement - First National Bank
December 31, 1954

Balance, per bank statement		$ 8,254.37
Less Checks outstanding:		
Number	Amount	
6404	$ 1.50	
6436	1.00	
6438	50.93	
6460	362.87	
6461	236.33	
6462	141.76	
6463	71.77	
6465	171.43	
6466	99.80	
6467	104.80	
6468	220.92	
6469	20.58	
6470	278.93	
6471	55.97	1,818.59
Balance, per books, December 31, 1954		$ 6,435.78

Bank Reconciliation Statement - Citizens Trust Co.
December 31, 1954

Balance, per bank statement		$ 6,490.05
Less outstanding checks:		
Number	Amount	
1591	$ 172.26	
1627	172.26	
1628	84.80	
1629	181.43	
1630	93.19	
1631	224.10	
1633	177.26	
1634	84.80	
1635	177.26	
1636	208.33	
1638	204.17	1,779.86
Balance, per books, December 31, 1954		$ 4,710.19

Schedule 1

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC.
Atlanta, Georgia

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS
Special Projects

January 1, 1954 to December 31, 1954

FELLOWSHIP OF THE CONCERNED

Receipts		
Balance, January 1, 1954	$ 561.20	
John Hay Whitney Foundation	1,000.00	
Total Receipts		$ 1,561.20
Disbursements		
Salary and stenographic assistance	187.38	
Postage and supplies	2.83	
Total Disbursements		190.21
Balance, December 31, 1954		$ 1,370.99

Schedule 4

COMMISSION ON EQUAL PENALTIES

Receipts		
Balance, January 1, 1954	$ 3,815.93	
Individual Contribution	25.00	
Interest earned	20.22	
Travel refund	3.47	
Total Receipts		$ 3,864.62
Disbursements		
Travel	$ 1,794.64	
Salaries and subsistance - field staff	1,250.68	
Supplies	38.38	
Telephone	83.45	
Statistical report	317.95	
Miscellaneous	38.45	
Total disbursements		3,523.55
Balance, December 31, 1954		$ 341.07

Schedule 5

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC.
Atlanta, Georgia

Analysis of Receipts and Disbursements

State Divisions

January 1, 1954 to December 31, 1954

	Balance 1/1/54	Receipts	Disbursements	Balance 12/31/54
Tennessee		6.00		6.00
Alabama	$ 10.50	$159.50	$169.00	$ 1.00
Arkansas	4.50	20.00	16.50	8.00
Florida	10.50	109.50	90.50	29.50
Kentucky	1.50	55.50	54.00	3.00
Louisiana	1.50	12.50	8.00	6.00
Mississippi	9.50	95.50	96.00	9.00
North Carolina	10.00	96.50	106.50	-
South Carolina	10.50	98.50	86.50	22.50
Totals	$ 58.50	$653.50	$ 627.00	$ 85.00

Schedule 6

"An Honest Answer in the Civil Rights Controversy" (September 1948 New South) sent to active USA. bishops 10/20/48.

October 11, 1948

BISHOPS OF THE METHODIST CHURCH

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* U. V. W. Darlington, Huntington, W. Va.

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Charles Wesley Flint, 100 Maryland Ave., N.E., Washington, D.C.

Marvin A. Franklin, 757 Belhaven St., Jackson, Miss.

Paul N. Garber, Route de Malagnou 17, Geneva, Switzerland

* Juan E. Gattinoni, Rivadavia 4044, Buenos Aires, Argentina

* John Gowdy, 234 Knowles Ave., Winter Park, Fla.

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* Lewis O. Hartman, 121 Griggs Road, Brookline 46, Mass.

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* Edwin Holt Hughes, 691 Rollingwood Dr., Chevy Chase 15, Md.

* Retired

*Robert E. Jones, Gulfside, Waveland, Miss

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Carleton Lacy, The Methodist Church, Foochow, Fukien, China

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William C. Martin, 1910 Main St., Dallas, Tex.

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* George A. Miller, P. O. Box 622, Lafayette, Calif.

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Richard C. Raines, 305 Underwriters Bldg, Indianapolis, Ind.

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Marshall R. Reed, 1205 Kales Bldg., Detroit 25, Mich.

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* Raymond J. Wade, Bay View, Mich.

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William T. Watkins, 1820 Casselberry Rd., Louisville 5, Kentucky

* Herbert Welch, 520 West 110th St., New York 25, N.Y.

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** Means the Executive Secretary of that Conference is employed full time.

*** Gives State Counseling or Planning Service to some degree.

	Date	Place
Alabama Conference of Social Work		Birmingham
President: Mrs. Alvice Sharp Jefferson County Children's Aid Society Y.W.C.A. Bldg. Birmingham, Alabama		
Executive Secretary: J.B. Hill Alabama Boy's Industrial School Birmingham 6, Alabama		
Arizona Conference of Social Work	April or May, 1951	Tuscon
President: William C. Wilkinson American Red Cross Box 4306, University Station Tucson, Arizona		
Secretary: Mrs. Henry R. Merchant, Jr. 1216 East Speedway Tucson, Arizona		
Arkansas Conference of Social Work	April 4-6, 1951	Little Rock
President: Mrs. Mattie Cal Maxted University of Arkansas Fayetteville, Arkansas		
Executive Secretary: E. G. Bylander 301 City Hall Little Rock, Arkansas		
*California Conference of Social Work ***	June 3-6, 1951	San Jose
President: Donald S. Howard School of Social Welfare University of California at Los Angeles Los Angeles 24, California		
Executive Secretary: Fred W. Morrison 906 Fallon Street, P.O. Box 822 Oakland 4, California		

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	Date	Place
*Colorado Conference of Social Welfare ***	Oct. 11-13, 1950	Denver

President: Mrs. Eugene Revelle
1280 Detroit Ave.
Denver, Colorado

Executive Secretary: Mrs. Gizella K. Adell
314 14th St.
Denver 2, Colorado

Connecticut Conference of Social Work *	Oct. 19-20, 1950	New Haven

President: John Q. Tilson, Jr.
205 Church Street
New Haven, Connecticut

Executive Secretary: Arlene E. Healey
65 Wethersfield Avenue
Hartford, Connecticut

*Delaware State Conference on Social Work

President: Elizabeth Townsend
1310 Delaware Avenue
Wilmington, Delaware

Executive Secretary: Mrs. Wilbert Smith
196 Brandywine Boulevard
Wilmington, Delaware

Florida State Conference of Social Work *	Oct. 15-18, 1950	Jacksonville

President: Clarence C. Stauffer
1609 N.E. Fourth Place
Ft. Lauderdale, Florida

Executive Secretary: Mrs. Constance Pringle Rudd
P.O. Box 629
St. Petersburg, Florida

Georgia Conference on Social Welfare	Nov. 8-10, 1950	Atlanta

President: Mrs. Florine Ellis
17 Baltimore Place, N.W.
Atlanta, Georgia

Secretary: Mary B. Roberts
690 Courtenay Drive, N.E.
Atlanta, Georgia

	Date	Place
*Idaho State Conference of Social Work		
President: Edith I. Miller Box 2615 Boise, Idaho		
Executive Secretary: Eugene V. Pugh Box 2615 Boise, Idaho		
*Illinois Welfare Association	Oct. 27-30, 1950	Peoria
*** President: Carl K. Schmidt, Jr. Illinois Public Aid Commission 160 N. LaSalle Street Chicago, Illinois		
Executive Secretary: Frank F. Campbell 104 North Sixth Street Springfield, Illinois		
**Indiana State Conference on Social Work	Nov. 1-4, 1950	Indianapolis
President: James A. Watson 509 Ohio Street Terre Haute, Indiana		
Executive Secretary: Frances M. Morgan 412 N. Alabama Street Indianapolis, Indiana		
Iowa Welfare Association	Nov. 16-18, 1950	Des Moines
President: Ernest A. Carter County Department of Social Welfare 231 Pearl Street Council Bluffs, Iowa		
Secretary: Miss La Vere Smith 622 Mynster, Apt. 2 Council Bluffs, Iowa		
Kansas Conference of Social Work	April 9-12, 1951	Wichita
President: Harry Dawdy Kansas Division, American Cancer Society Topeka, Kansas		
Executive Secretary:		

	Date	Place
Kentucky Welfare Association*		
President: Mary Lewis Child Welfare Division State Office Building Frankfort, Kentucky		
Executive Secretary: Helen A. Brown 300 West Main St., Rm. 306 Louisville 2, Kentucky		
Louisiana Conference of Social Welfare*		
President:		
Executive Secretary: Mrs. Nan Callan Coney Box 401 Baton Rouge, Louisiana		
Maine Welfare Association	Nov. 2-3, 1950	Lewiston
President: Dr. Burton W. Taylor Federal Street Brunswick, Maine		
Secretary: Mrs. Will D. Moyer Cottage Lane Cape Cottage, Maine		
*Maryland State Conference of Social Welfare	May 3-4, 1951	Baltimore
President: Gerald Monsman 7 St. Paul Street Baltimore 2, Maryland		
Executive Secretary: Dorothy Pope 128 W. Franklin Street Baltimore 2, Maryland		
Massachusetts Conference of Social Work*	Nov. 28-30, 1950	Boston
President: William P. Supple Board of Public Welfare Winchester, Massachusetts		
Executive Secretary: Marenda E. Prentis 3 Joy Street Boston, Massachusetts		

	Date	Place
Michigan Welfare Conference *	Nov. 27-29, 1950	Detroit

President: G.S. Childs
Second National Bank Building
Saginaw, Michigan

Executive Secretary: Michael C. Kreider
482 Hollister Building
Lansing 8, Michigan

**Minnesota Welfare Conference	Apr. 30-May 3, 1951	Minneapolis

President: Clark W. Blackburn
404 South Eighth St.
Minneapolis 4, Minnesota

Executive Secretary: Mrs. Kate Martin Dorr
Y.W.C.A. Building
St. Paul 2, Minnesota

Mississippi Conference of Social Work

President:

Executive Secretary: Katharine Guice
State Department of Public Welfare
P.O. Box 1669
Jackson 113, Mississippi

Missouri Association for Social Welfare *	Oct. 18-20, 1950	St. Louis

President: Robert E. Rosenwald
1312-17 Commerce Building
Kansas City, Missouri

Executive Secretary: Mary E. Brooks
129½ East High Street
Jefferson City, Missouri

Montana State Conference of Social Welfare

President:

Executive Secretary:

	Date	Place
*Nebraska Welfare Association	Second week of May	

President: Rev. A. H. Bringewatt
1504 Dodge
Omaha, Nebraska

Executive Secretary: Mrs. John Wenstrand
226 South Tenth
Lincoln, Nebraska

Nevada Social Welfare Conference

President:

Executive Secretary:

*New Hampshire Conference of Social Welfare	Nov. 13-14, 1950	Manchester

***

President: Mrs. Jeanette Melton
170 Sowell St.
Manchester, New Hampshire

Executive Secretary: Mrs. Anne Sawyer
185 School Street
Concord, New Hampshire

**New Jersey Welfare Council	Nov. 1-3, 1950	Asbury Park

***

President: Rev. Robert D. Smith
40 Fulton St.
Newark 2, New Jersey

Executive Secretary: Mrs. William F. Knouff
40 Fulton Street
Newark 2, New Jersey

**New York State Conference on Social Work	Nov. 26-30, 1950	New York City

President: Dr. I. Edwin Goldwasser
2 Park Avenue
New York City

Executive Secretary: G. Roberts More
Box 1740
Albany, New York

	Date	Place
*North Carolina Conference for Social Service		
President: Guy B. Phillips, Dean School of Education University of North Carolina Chapel Hill, North Carolina		
Executive Secretary: Mrs. Tom Grier Box 532 Raleigh, North Carolina		
North Dakota Conference of Social Welfare	Oct. 17-19, 1950	Grand Forks
President: Mrs. Winnifred Stockman 1349 South Street, North Fargo, North Dakota		
Secretary: Mary Norton State Public Welfare Board Bismarck, North Dakota		
*Ohio Welfare Conference	Nov. 13-17, 1950	Columbus
President: Robert B. Canary Division of Social Administration State Department of Public Welfare Oak and Ninth Streets Columbus, Ohio		
Executive Secretary: Hannah L. Protzman 2073 East Ninth Street, Rm. 509 Cleveland 15, Ohio		
Oklahoma Social Welfare Association	Nov. 15-17, 1950	Oklahoma City
President: Dr. M. L. Wardell University of Oklahoma Norman, Oklahoma		
Executive Secretary:		
Oregon Conference of Social Work		Portland
President: Vinnie J. Bell Oregon State Employment Service Portland, Oregon		
Executive Secretary:		

	Date	Place
Pennsylvania Welfare Conference*	Oct. 31-Nov. 3, 1950	Harrisburg

President: Mrs. Lorna Sylvester
Tri-County Child Guidance Center
820 N. Third St.
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania

Executive Secretary: Barent F. Landstreet
310 North Second Street
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania

Rhode Island Conference of Social Work	Nov. 1-2, 1950	Providence

President: Edward F. Reidy
40 West Fountain
Providence, Rhode Island

Acting Secretary: Margaret Silvia
40 West Fountain
Providence, Rhode Island

South Carolina Conference of Social Work*	Nov. 8-10, 1950	Columbia

President: Dewey Johnson
c/o Bank of Greenwood
Greenwood, South Carolina

Executive Secretary: Adele J. Minahan
1930 College Street
Columbia, South Carolina

*South Dakota Conference of Social Work	Oct. 11-13, 1950	Huron

President: George W. Shaw
Minnehaha County Public Welfare Office
Sioux Falls, South Dakota

Executive Secretary: Fern L. Chamberlain
Department of Public Welfare
Pierre, South Dakota

Tennessee Conference of Social Work	Late March, 1951	Memphis

President: Mr. H. W. Hirsheimer
c/o Sears, Roebuck and Company
Memphis 2, Tennessee

Secretary: Mrs. Ruth Winchell
c/o Travelers Aid Society
600 Goodwyn Institute Bldg.
Memphis, Tennessee

	Date	Place
Texas Social Welfare Association *	Nov. 15-18, 1950	San Antonio

President: Dr. Charles N. Burrows
Trinity University
San Antonio, Texas

Executive Secretary: Clarence D. Wiggam
208 E. Eighth Street
Austin, Texas

Utah Conference of Social Work	Spring, 1951	Salt Lake City

President: Arch M. Thurman
440 East First South
Salt Lake City, Utah

Secretary & Treasurer: Anna Crane
220 Capitol Bldg.
Salt Lake City, Utah

Vermont Conference of Social Welfare	Oct. 26-27, 1950	Montpelier

President: Robert Smith
51 Court Street
Montpelier, Vermont

Secretary: Esther Colton
16 Summer Street
Montpelier, Vermont

**Virginia Conference of Social Work	April 30-May 3, 1951	Roanoke

President: Dr. E. W. Gregory, Jr.
University of Richmond
Richmond, Virginia

Executive Secretary: Mrs. Mary Alice Roberts
803½ E. Main Street
Richmond, Virginia

Washington Association for Social Welfare	Spring, 1951	

President: Clyde W. Linville, Jr.
c/o State Department of Social Security
Olympia, Washington

Executive Secretary: 302 New World Life Bldg. (State Headquarters)
Seattle, Washington

	Date	Place
West Virginia Conference of Social Work	Nov. 2-4, 1951	Bluefield

President: W. B. Van Horn
#2 Morris St.
Charleston 1, West Virginia

Executive Secretary: Mrs. Frances J. Altizer
201 Duffy Street
Charleston 1, West Virginia

Wisconsin Welfare Council*	Nov. 14-16, 1950	Madison

President: Howard G. Brown
1400 Empire Bldg.
Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Executive Secretary: Morris Hursh
440 Washington Bldg.
Madison, Wisconsin

Wyoming Conference of Social Work	Oct. 2-4, 1950	Sheridan

President: Roy A. Davidson
Box 1443
Casper, Wyoming

Secretary: Mrs. Mamie East
Sundance, Wyoming

**Social Welfare Association of Hawaii	April, 1951	Oahu

President: Mr. Paul Miho
University of Hawaii YMCA
Honolulu, Hawaii

Executive Secretary: Mr. Kum Pui Lai
1040 Richards St.
Honolulu, Hawaii

**Ontario Conference on Social Welfare	Sept. 29, 1950	Toronto

President: Rev. Ronald Macleod
96 Bloor St., W.
Toronto, Ontario, Canada

Executive Secretary: John N. Blow
96 Bloor St., W.
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January 31, 1952

The President announced today that the following persons have been designated by their respective Departments and Agencies as Government Members of the Committee on Government Contract Compliance:

RUSSELL FORBES
Deputy Administrator, General Services Administration

Mr. Forbes has been designated to represent both the General Services Administration and the Defense Materials Procurement Agency

MICHAEL J. GALVIN
Under Secretary of Labor

EVERETT L. HOLLIS
General Counsel, Atomic Energy Commission

JOHN D. SMALL
Chairman, Munitions Board, Department of Defense

Public Members of the Committee appointed on January 10, 1952 are Dwight R. G. Palmer, Chairman, James B. Carey, Dowdal H. Davis, Irving M. Engel, Oliver W. Hill, and George Meany.

The Committee on Government Contract Compliance was created by Executive Order on December 3, 1951, and is authorized on behalf of the President to aid the Departments and Agencies of the Federal Government in securing better compliance with the non-discrimination provisions required in all government contracts.

~~March 17, 1950~~
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LIST OF SOUTHERN GOVERNORS

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The Honorable ~~Earle C. Clements~~ Lawrence Wetherby	Governor of Kentucky	Frankfort, Kentucky
The Honorable Earl K. Long	Governor of Louisiana	Baton Route, La.
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The Honorable ~~William Mumford Tuck~~ John Battle	Governor of Virginia	Richmond, Virginia

(In the case of Virginia the Governor is always His Excellency)

The Honorable ~~Preston Lane~~ Theodore R. McKeldin	Governor of Maryland	Baltimore, Maryland
The Honorable ~~Okey L. Patterson~~	Governor of West Virginia	Charleston, W. Va.

March 24, 1952

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North Little Rock, Ark.
Glenn Zimmerman, Secretary

Florida League of Municipalities
407 Exchange Bldg.
Jacksonville, Fla.
Gordon T. Butler, Secretary

Georgia Municipal Association
1403 C&S Bank Bldg.
Atlanta
Zach Arnold, Sec'y.

Kentucky Municipal League
University of Kentucky
Lexington
Carl B. Wachs, Secretary

Louisiana Municipal
Association
City Hall
Baton Rouge
Mrs. Henry Jastremski, Sec'y.

Mississippi Municipal Association
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Jackson
George L. Sugg, Sec'y.

North Carolina League of municipalities
Raleigh Bldg.
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Mrs. Davetta Steed, Sec'y.

Oklahoma Municipal League
821 N. E. 25th St.
Oklahoma City
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Columbia
James N. Caldwell, Sec'y.

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Nashville
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Austin
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Richmond, Va.
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George S. Mitchell

OFFICIAL PROGRAM

The Fourth Annual Conference

National Council of

Negro Women

Region IV

ALABAMA, ARKANSAS, FLORIDA, LOUISIANA, MISSISSIPPI, OKLAHOMA, TEXAS

THEME: "FORGING NEW LINKS OF UNDERSTANDING"

Young Men's Christian Association

330 South 18th Street
BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA

APRIL 25 - 26 - 27
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A Representative Group of NCNW Delegates of Region IV, During First Annual Regional Meeting.

FRIDAY, APRIL 25, 1952

Morning

Place—Eighteenth Street Y.M.C.A.

8:00 A.M.—Executive Board Meeting

9:00 A.M.—REGISTRATION

10:00 A.M.—FORMAL OPENING OF CONFERENCE

Presiding: Dr. Arenia Conelia Mallory
Worship Service: Mrs. Winfred S. Jackson, Leader
Highlights of 1951 Session—Mrs. Belzora Ward
Greetings—Mrs. Louise Williams Pitts, First Vice-President, Birmingham Council, Birmingham, Alabama
Greetings—Mr. E. W. Baker, Executive Director, Y.M.C.W., Birmingham, Alabama
Reverend Luke Beard. Minister
Sixteenth Street Baptist Church
Music, Solo—Mrs. Lillian Stone Moore
Report of Presidents of Metropolitan Councils
Committee Appointments

11:30 A.M.—Committee Meetings

COMMITTEES

Budget, Mrs. Theo Harris
Credentials, Mrs. E. O. Rugeley
Finance, Miss Irma Curry
Rules, Mrs. Constance Thompson
Youth Activities, Miss Ernestine Mack
Resolutions, Mrs. Gwendolyn Floyd
Findings, Mrs. Myra Bryant

12:00 Noon—LUNCH—Y.M.C.A.

Afternoon

1:00 P.M.—

Presiding: Mrs. Theo Harris, Vice-President National Council of Negro Women, Region IV, Houston, Texas
Worship Service
Report of Rules and Credentials Committees
Seating of Delegates
Reports of Presidents of Metropolitan Councils, continued

3:00 P.M.—Review of Suggested Changes in National Constitution

Information and Questions Relative to National Program

Mrs. Ruth C. Muelleur, Executive Director, NCNW, Washington, D. C.

4:00 P.M.—Committee Meetings—(Pre-planning for Discussion Groups)

Evening

The Challenge

8:00 P.M.—PUBLIC PROGRAM

Presiding: Mrs. Belzora Ward, President, Birmingham Metropolitan Council

Place: Sixteenth Street Baptist Church

10:00 P.M.—RECEPTION

Eighth Avenue Y.W.C.A.
500 8th Avenue, North

SATURDAY, APRIL 26, 1952

Morning

9:00 A.M.—General Session

Presiding: Mrs. Marcella Huggins, Former State President, Parent Teachers Council, Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Worship Service

10:00 A.M.—DISCUSSION GROUPS

Group 1—Topic: Is a Knowledge of Parliamentary Procedures a Basis for a Good Council Meeting?

Chairman: Dr. Arenia C. Mallory, President, Saints Industrial School, Lexington, Mississippi

Presentation of Issue:

Mrs. Vivian Carter Mason, Vice-President, National Council of Negro Women; President Norfolk Metropolitan Council, Norfolk, Virginia

Interrogators:

Mrs. Doris Wesley, National Vice-President NCNW, Houston, Texas

Mrs. Fannye A. Ponder, National Vice-President NCNW, St. Petersburg, Florida

Mrs. Ruth Muelleur, Executive Director, NCNW, Washington, D. C.
Mrs. Ida N. Givens, National President Jeanes Teachers Association, Baton Rouge, Louisiana
Mrs. Luellia Harrison, Executive Director Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Houston, Texas
Mrs. Oralee B. Mitchell, Anti-Basileus Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, New Orleans, Louisiana

11:00 A.M.—

Group II—Topic: What Responsibility Has a Local Council for Intergrating Rural Women into the Program of NCNW?

Chairman: Mrs. Maggie N. Ringgold, Former Instructor Tuskegee Institute; Retired Jeanes Supervisor, Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Presentation of Issue:
Mrs. Ida N. Givens, Jeanes Supervisor, Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Interrogators:
Mrs. Mary Burroughs, Jeanes Supervisor, Mobile, Alabama
Miss Florence Alexander, Jeanes Supervisor, Jackson, Mississippi
Mrs. Pauline W. Campbell, Public School Instructor, Huntsville, Texas

12:00 Noon—LUNCH

Afternoon

12:30 P.M.—Tour of City

2:00 P.M.—DISCUSSION GROUPS

Group III—Topic: What Contribution Can NCNW Councils Make Relative to Race and Law Enforcement?

Chairman: Miss Orlean Davis, Instructor New Orleans Public Schools

Presentation of Issue:
Dr. George Mitchell, Executive Director Southern Regional Council, Atlanta, Georgia

Interrogators:

Mrs. Ruby Stutts Lyles, Secretary Southern Regional Council, State of Mississippi, Jackson, Mississippi
Mrs. L. M. Lister, Past President Women's Medical Auxiliary, San Antonio, Texas
Mrs. Ruby Hurley, Regional Secretary, NAACP, Birmingham, Alabama
Mrs. Lucile Douglas, Chairman, Citizenship Committee, Birmingham Council, Ensley, Alabama

3:00 P.M.—

Group IV—Topic: What Can Council Women Do Relative to the Use of Narcotics Among Youth?

Chairman: Miss Fannie C. Williams, Principal Valena Jones Public School, New Orleans, Louisiana

Presentation of Issue:
Mrs. Vinita Lewis, Representative of Children's Bureau, Washington, D. C.

Interrogators:
Mrs. Rose T. Collier, R. N., President Registered Nurses: (Mary Mahoney Nursing Association), Birmingham, Alabama
Mrs. Marcella Huggins, Former State President Parent Teachers Congress, Baton Rouge, La.
Miss Ernestine Mack, Junior Councillor, Birmingham, Alabama
Miss Alice Earl, President Junior Councillors NCNW, Birmingham, Alabama

4:00 P.M.—General Assembly

MODEL COUNCIL MEETING—a demonstration
Report of Committees
Election of Nominating Committee for 1953
A Skit—By Junior Councillors—NCNW, Region IV

8:00 P.M.—International Banquet
Speakers: Mrs. Vinita Lewis, Mrs. Vivian Carter Mason, Mrs. Ruth C. Muelleur

SUNDAY, APRIL 27—9:00 A.M.

Executive Board Meeting—Y.M.C.A.

DIRECTORATE

National Council of Negro Women

Regional IV

Presidents of Metropolitan Councils

Mrs. Belzora S. Ward, 21 North 12th Ave., Birmingham, Ala.
Mrs. Rose Marie Bryon, 621 South Street, Daytona Beach, Fla.
Mrs. Gwendolyn Floyd, 3717 West 16th Street, Little Rock, Ark.
Mrs. Juanita James Johnson, 1510 5th Avenue, So., St. Petersburg, Fla.
Mrs. Mary Lawson, 823 Lemon Street, Palatka, Fla.
Mrs. Oralee B. Mitchell, 2903 Milan Street, New Orleans, La.
Mrs. Sylvia Howard, 1066 South Street, Baton Rouge, La.
Mrs. Jewel Thompson, 221 E. 79th Street, Shreveport, La.
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Mrs. B. K. Hornsby, 201 So. 8th Street, Temple, Texas
Mrs. Mill E. Clay, 1814 Avenue, 0-½, Galveston, Texas
Mrs. Constance Thompson, 1303 Bayou Street, Houston, Texas
Mrs. Pauline W. Campbell, P. O. Box 242, Huntsville, Texas
Mrs. J. G. Hardin, 2507 Caddo Street, Dallas, Texas
Mrs. M. E. Barker, 1529 Deer Park Street, Jackson, Miss.
Mrs. Thresa Mahaila, 226 Monumental Street, San Antonio, Texas
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National Vice-Presidents

Mrs. Doris Carter Wesley, 2418 Leeland Street, Houston, Texas
Mrs. Fannye A. Ponder, 1313 Fifth Avenue, St. Petersburg, Fla.

ADDENDA:

"This Regional meeting could not have been possible without the splendid cooperation and untiring effort of the following Chairmen and their Committees to whom we express deep appreciation, gratitude and sincere congratulations."

Arenia C. Mallory, Regional Director

THE WORKING COMMITTEES

COMMITTEE ON CONFERENCE PLANNING:
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Co-Chairman—Mrs. Louise W. Pitts
Co-Chairman—Mrs. Gertrude E. Anderson
Co-Chairman—Mrs. Myra J. Bryant
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Co-Chairman—Mrs. Marcella Huggins

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Chairman—Mrs. Alva C. Harris

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Local Chairman—Mrs. Virginetta Avery
Regional Chairman—Mrs. Oralee B. Mitchell

KITS COMMITTEE:
Chairman—Miss Leila Butler

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Chairman—Mrs. Helen G. Williams

EXHIBIT COMMITTEE:
Chairman—Mrs. Carrie Taylor
Co-Chairman—Mrs. E. O. Rugeley

YOUTH CONSERVATION COMMITTEE:
Chairman—Mrs. Clarie Collins Harvey
Co-Chairman—Miss Ernestine Mack

May5, 1952

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National Association of Jeanes Supervisors
585 S. 13th St.
Baton Rouge, La.

~~Mr. James E. Whitley, President~~
~~Association of Jeanes Teachers in North Carolina~~
~~c/o County Superintendent of Schools~~
~~Greensboro, N. C.~~

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~~Grambling College~~ National Association of Jeanes Supervisors
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Henderson, S. C.

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1952

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DEMOCRATIC NOMINEES

for

STATE SENATE

and

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

1951 - 1952

BEN W. FORTSON, JR.

Secretary of State

State Capitol

ATLANTA

SENATE

District	Nominee	Address
1.	Spence M. Grayson	Savannah
2.	Mose Edenfield	Darien
3.	Dr. J. T. McLaughlin	Jesup
4.	James D. Gould	Brunswick
5.	L. A. Hargreaves, Sr.	Pearson
6.	T. Guy Connell	Valdosta
7.	Ira Carlisle	Cairo
8.	Ellison Dunn	Donalsonville
9.	William Henry Wall	Blakely
10.	H. Grady Rawls	Albany
11.	Steve M. Cocke	Dawson
12.	Charles Alston Coffin	Richland
13.	Herman J. Holloway	Ellaville
14.	Ernest Hayes	Vienna
15.	Wallace Adams	Glenwood
16.	Jim Peterson	Soperton
17.	G. Elliott Hagan	Sylvania
18.	W. Roscoe Coleman	Hephzibah
19.	Osgood O. Williams	Crawfordville
20.	Marvin E. Moate	Sparta
21.	Walter B. Williams, Sr.	Gray
22.	Vincent Jones	Jackson
23.	Wm. J. Wilson	Fort Valley
24.	Geronimo W. King	Cusseta
25.	L. A. Mallory, Jr.	Thomaston
26.	Edgar Blalock	Jonesboro
27.	Mark Dunahoo	Winder
28.	Dr. Edgar M. Lancaster	Shady Dale
29.	John P. Drinkard	Lincolnton

District	Nominee	Address
30.	Peyton S. Hawes	Elberton
31.	Glenn W. Ellard	Cornelia
32.	J. Cliff Hughes	Gainesville
33.	Dr. Marcus Mashburn	Cumming
34.	R. F. Duncan	Lawrenceville
35.	Joseph Mann	Stockbridge
36.	Charlie W. Bray	Manchester
37.	William P. Trotter	LaGrange
38.	W. O. Strickland	Buchanan
39.	Harold S. Willingham	Marietta
40.	Bonnell Akins	Blairsville
41.	(General Election)	
42.	Archibald A. Farrar	Summerville
43.	Ronald F. Chance	Calhoun
44.	John L. Mavity	Rossville
45.	J. Henry Harden	Fitzgerald
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47.	Geo. W. Branch	Tifton
48.	Edward L. McCranie	Eastman
49.	F. Everett Williams	Statesboro
50.	Robert G. Stephens, Jr.	Athens
51.	Mayo Davis	Perry
52.	G. Everett Millican	Atlanta
53.	Perry L. Pittman	Nashville
54.	A. G. Oliver	Glennville

NOMINEES FOR GEORGIA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 1951 - 1952

County	Nominee	Address
Appling	T. Malcolm Tillman	Surrency
Atkinson	Waldo Henderson	Lakeland
Bacon	Braswell Dean, Jr.	Alma
Baker	John C. Durham	Newton
Baldwin	Culver Kidd	Milledgeville
	Arnold L. Parker	Milledgeville
Banks	Josiah H. Turk	Maysville
Barrow	J. Julian Bennett	Winder
Bartow	R. V. Jones	Cartersville
	Floyd S. Tumlin	Cartersville
Ben Hill	Argin A. Boggus, Sr.	Fitzgerald
Berrien	Roy R. Guthrie	Nashville
Bibb	Clarence H. Clay, Jr.	Macon
	W. Horace Vandiver	Macon
	James I. Wood	Macon
Bleckley	Ben Jessup	Cochran
Brantley	C. Winton Adams	Nahunta
Brooks	John E. Sheffield, Jr.	Quitman
Bryan	W. K. Smith, M. D.	Pembroke
Bulloch	Algie J. Trapnell	Statesboro
	William J. Neville	Statesboro
Burke	J. J. Bargeron	Sardis
	Frank M. Cates	Waynesboro
Butts	Dan Fears	Jackson
Calhoun	Charles E. Dews	Edison
Camden	Quincy Lee Claxton	Kingsland
Candler	William L. Lanier	Metter
Carroll	Willis Smith	Carrollton
	J. Ebb Duncan	Carrollton
Catoosa	Howard Abney	Ringgold
Charlton	Alva J. Hopkins, Jr.	Folkston

County	Nominee	Address
Chatham	John S. Hood, Jr.	Savannah
	George H. McGee	Savannah
	Owen H. Page, Jr.	Savannah
Chattahoochee	Joe N. King	Cusseta
Chattooga	Paul B. Weems	Summerville
Cherokee	W. R. Green	Canton
Clarke	Chappelle Matthews	Athens
	Grady C. Pittard, Jr.	Winterville
Clay	Richard W. Best	Fort Gaines
Clayton	Edwin S. Kemp	Jonesboro
Clinch	Downing Musgrove	Homerville
Cobb	Harry E. Williams	Marietta
	Fred D. Bentley	Marietta
Coffee	Micajah Vickers	Ambrose
	Noah Burkett	Douglas
Colquitt	Leo T. Barber	Moultrie
	H. Jack Short	Doerun
Columbia	Byron B. Mangum	Grovetown
Cook	Wilson B. Wilkes	Adel
Coweta	Clifford A. Cranford	Newnan
	Goodman Robertson	Turin
Crawford	Nat. F. Walker	Roberta
Crisp	Palmer H. Greene	Cordele
Dade	Maddox J. Hale	Trenton
Dawson	J. E. Robertson	Gainesville
Decatur	G. F. Battles, Sr.	Bainbridge
	Tom Clark	Bainbridge
DeKalb	Richard Bell	Decatur
	James A. Mackay	Decatur
	W. Hugh McWhorter	Decatur
Dodge	Gilbert C. Peacock	Eastman
Dooly	Clint B. Brannen	Unadilla
Dougherty	Adie N. Durden	Albany
	B. C. Gardner, Jr.	Albany
Douglas	J. E. Waldrop	Winston
Early	Leon H. Baughman	Cedar Springs
Echols	W. H. Herrin, Jr.	Howell

County	Nominee	Address
Effingham	H. N. Ramsey, Sr.	Springfield
Elbert	Woodrow Wilson Lavender	Bowman
Emanuel	George L. Smith, II	Swainsboro
	H. C. Edenfield	Swainsboro
Evans	W. L. (Roy) Adams	Claxton
Fannin	D. R. Ballew	Blue Ridge
Fayette	Grady L. Huddleston	Fayetteville
Floyd	Dean Covington	Rome
	Robert L. (Bob) Scoggin	Rome
	J. Battle Hall	Rome
Forsyth	James A. Otwell, Jr.	Cumming
Franklin	Joe T. Jolly	Royston
Fulton	M. M. (Muggsy) Smith	Atlanta
	Hoke Smith	Atlanta
	Luther Alverson	Atlanta
Gilmer	(General Election)	
Glascock	Wm. G. Todd	Gibson
Glynn	Charles L. Gowen	Brunswick
	Bernard N. Nightingale	Brunswick
Gordon	Troy F. Knight	Calhoun
Grady	R. A. Harrell	Cairo
Greene	Miles Walker Lewis	Greensboro
Gwinnett	J. Austin White	Buford
	Paul V. Kelley, Sr.	Lawrenceville
Habersham	Lloyd L. Stewart	Hollywood
Hall	Hammond Johnson, Jr.	Gainesville
	Howard T. Overby	Gainesville
Hancock	John C. Lewis	Sparta
Haralson	Harold L. Murphy	Buchanan
Harris	W. D. Sivell	Chipley
Hart	T. H. Risner	Hartwell
Heard	J. Artie Rogers	Franklin
Henry	Edward E. McGarity	McDonough
Houston	Charlie L. Williams	Warner Robins
Irwin	Marion F. Green	Ocilla
Jackson	Mac Barber	Commerce
Jasper	Wm. Hicks Key	Monticello

County	Nominee	Address
Jeff Davis	Lawton R. Ursrey	Hazlehurst
Jefferson	J. Roy McCracken	Avera
Jenkins	Leon Aycock	Millen
Johnson	Emory L. Rowland	Wrightsville
Jones	George L. Jackson	Gray
Lamar	Clarence M. Ball	Barnesville
Lanier	John W. Greer	Lakeland
Laurens	A. Oswald Hadden	Rentz
	W. Herschel Lovett	Dublin
Lee	Jesse B. Stocks	Leesburg
Liberty	C. J. Smiley	Lambert
Lincoln	T. Hughes Willingham	Lincolnton
Long	Carl C. Wilkinson	Ludowici
Lowndes	John W. Langdale	Valdosta
	G. Troy Register	Valdosta
Lumpkin	Fred C. Jones, Jr.	Dahlonega
Macon	Tom L. Coogle	Oglethorpe
Madison	Sam E. Whitworth	Hull
Marion	E. C. Stevens	Buena Vista
McDuffie	Horace E. Clary	Thomson
McIntosh	Fred D. Beasley	Crescent
Meriwether	Willis A. Biggers, Sr.	Greenville
	Grady Rollins	Manchester
Miller	Jim Bush Mims	Colquitt
Mitchell	Fred Hand	Pelham
	Frank S. Twitty	Camilla
Monroe	Wm. B. Freeman	Forsyth
Montgomery	Chester Hilton	Tarrytown
Morgan	Howard H. Tamplin	Madison
Murray	A. F. Terry	Chatsworth
Muscogee	Harry Dicus	Columbus
	Howell Hollis	Columbus
	A. Mac Pickard	Columbus
Newton	A. M. Campbell	Covington
Oconee	J. Phil Campbell, Jr.	Watkinsville
Oglethorpe	George B. Brooks	Crawford
Paulding	W. L. Denton	Dallas

County	Nominee	Address
Peach	F. B. Little, Sr.	Fort Valley
Pickens	(General Election)	
Pierce	O. W. Raulerson	Patterson
Pike	W. J. Barrett, Jr.	Zebulon
Polk	M. M. Cornelius	Cedartown
	Paul McKelvey	Rockmart
Pulaski	J. D. Nelson	Hawkinsville
Putnam	Dr. E. F. Griffith	Eatonton
Quitman	Britt Gary	Georgetown
Rabun	Paul A. Green	Clayton
Randoph	J. Mercer Wooten	Shellman
Richmond	John C. Bell	Augusta
	William W. Holley	Augusta
	Sam T. Graham	Augusta
Rockdale	Dempsey W. Leach	Conyers
Schley	Paul Coffin	Ellaville
Screven	W. Colbert Hawkins	Sylvania
Seminole	Raymond E. Wheeler	Donalsonville
Spalding	Arthur K. Bolton	Griffin
	E. Girdean Harper	Griffin
Stephens	ben T. Wiggins	Toccoa
Stewart	J. M. Deason	Lumpkin
Sumter	Jack Murr	Americus
	Charles Burgamy	Americus
Talbot	H. Chris Callier	Talbotton
Taliaferro	Wales T. Flynt	Crawfordville
Tattnall	Dr. H. M. Mishoe	Glennville
Taylor	D. E. Byrd	Reynolds
Telfair	Jim C. Walker	McRae
Terrell	Marvin Brazeal	Dawson
Thomas	W. Fred Scott, Jr.	Thomasville
	O. S. Willis	Coolidge
Tift	Seymour S. Owens	Tifton
Toombs	Steve M. Hall	Lyons
Towns	(General Election)	
Treutlen	Hugh Gillis	Soperton

County	*Nominee*	*Address*
Troup	Frank G. Birdsong	LaGrange
	M. E. Groover, Sr.	LaGrange
	C. O. Lam	Hogansville
Turner	T. E. Kennedy, Jr.	Ashburn
Twiggs	Claud S. Kitchens	Dry Branch
Union	Jack G. Tarpley	Blairsville
Upson	Owen J. Adams	Thomaston
	W. S. (Bill) Brantley	Thomaston
Walker	W. L. Abney	LaFayette
	Albert Campbell	LaFayette
Walton	Gene Dally	Social Circle
Ware	W. F. Newman	Waycross
	Sam T. Wright	Waycross
Warren	Jack B. Ray	Norwood
Washington	B. J. Tarbutton	Sandersville
	Luke R. Warren	Tennille
Wayne	Robert L. Harris	Jesup
Webster	J. Lucius Black	Preston
Wheeler	C. M. Jordan, Jr.	Alamo
White	Guy C. Dorsey	Cleveland
Whitfield	Sanford P. Carr, Jr.	Dalton
	W. A. Britton	Dalton
Wilcox	Leroy G. Tippens	Rochelle
Wilkes	H. G. Garrard	Washington
Wilkinson	Alexander S. Boone	Irwinton
Worth	Joe L. Johnston	Sylvester
	Dr. Gordon S. Sumner	Sylvester

May 7, 1953

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" " Passenger & Public Relations--Thomas J. Deegan, Jr., Cleveland

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General Passenger Traffic Manager--E. E. Barry, Washington 13

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Vice-President--Law--Sidney Smith
" " Traffic--John K. Dent
General Passenger Agent--G. U. Yager,
General Counsel--W. L. Grubbs

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" --Traffic--W. K. Tate, Nashville 2, Tenn.
General Passenger Agent--D. R. Hackney, Nashville 2

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President & General Manager--S. R. Young, 4 Hunter St., SE, Atlanta 3
? General Counsel A&WP RR.--Heyman & Abram, Healey Bldg., Atlanta
" " Western of Alabama--Steiner, Crum & Baker, Montgomery 3, Ala.
" Traffic manager--G. E. Boulineau, 4 Hunter St., Atlanta
" Passenger Agent--W. W. Snow, Atlanta (Hunter St.)

1st Nat'l Bank Bldg.

Georgia Railroad

General Manager--S. R. Young
General Counsel--James E. Harper, Augusta, Ga. ?
" Traffic Manager & Gen. Passenger Agent--Same as A&WP

Atlantic Coast Line Railroad Co.

President--C. McD. Davis, Wilmington, N. C.
V-P & General Counsel--Charles Cook Howell
" --Traffic--J. M. Fields, Wilmington
Passenger Traffic Manager--J. B. Sharpton

Seaboard Airline Railroad Co.

President--John W. Smith, Seaboard Airline Railroad Bldg., Norfolk 10, Va.
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Assistant General Counsel--James B. McDouough, Jr., Norfolk 10

Florida East Coast Railway

General Counsel--Russell L. Frink, Jacksonville, Fla. Graham Bldg.
Trustees--Scott M. Loftin & John W. Martin, St. Augustine, Fla. Malaga
Passenger Traffic Manager--George L. Oliver, St. Augustine

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President--F. M. Hicks, 104 St. Francis St., Mobile 13, Ala.
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I thought that I might call your attention to the publication of an article by myself in the September 9 issue of the Christian Century, entitled, "Toward a Non-segregated South." It is concerned with a practical procedure for effecting a change from a segregated to a non-segregated school system in the South. I felt that you would be interested in looking it up.

I am also enclosing a news release from the Monroe News-Star which if you have not already seen will doubtless be of interest to you.

With kind regards,

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We Are Unnecessarily Excited

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WE HERE in the deep South are unnecessarily excited over what decision the United States Supreme Court may hand down in the cases before it involving segregation in the public schools. I believe we are confusing the issue. Some of us think that the chief issue before the Supreme Court is whether or not Negro and white children will be allowed to attend the same public school. This is indeed an issue. And there is always an issue when traditions and laws which have governed people for decades are likely to be uprooted. But there is another issue, a much larger issue.

The main issue before us is this: Can the United States Supreme Court, representing the greatest democracy on earth, a nation that has assumed the economic and moral leadership of the world, announce to the world in 1954 that it believes in segregation based on color and race? Can the United States afford to say to a billion colored peoples in Asia, millions of colored peoples in Africa, the Middle East, South America, and the European democracies, that we believe in second class citizenship for 15,000,000 people — solely because their race is Negro and their complexion colored? Can the United States, perhaps the leading Christian nation on earth — certainly the nation with the highest percentage of church attendance — afford to tell the world that we place *race* above ability and *color* above character?

This is not a political issue. This is not a racial issue. This is a moral issue. It is not a local issue affecting only those of us who live in the deep South. The issue is world-wide and the decision the Supreme Court will make will affect our leadership in the world either for good or for ill. It is absolutely necessary that democracy win the allegiance of the peoples of Africa and Asia.

We are unduly excited because whether we like it or not the process of desegregation will be much slower than we think, and it will be easier than we think. It will be slower than we think for four reasons:

(1) If the Supreme Court declares segregation in the public schools unconstitutional, the decision will apply only to the five cases before it: Clarendon County, South Carolina; Prince Edward County, Virginia; the District of Columbia; Topeka, Kansas; and the one case in Delaware. Some localities

will move immediately toward desegregation as some states have done in the case of higher education, but others may have to be ordered to do so by the courts.

(2) In many parts of the South, Negro parents will move very cautiously. There will be "no run on the bank." They will not risk their children being embarrassed and for that reason they will not rush in just because the Supreme Court has voted against segregation. Proof for this view is seen in the case of interstate travel. Although a goodly number of Negroes ride across state lines unsegregated, the vast majority of Negroes ride segregated across state lines. It will be this way for a while in the public schools even after segregation has been declared unconstitutional. We all know that legalized segregation is a badge of inferiority, imposed by one group upon another. It stigmatizes the Negro as being unfit to move about as a free human being. The Negro wants the stigma removed so that he, too, can walk the earth with dignity. No man wants to be penalized for being what God made him. The Negro wants equality before God and equality before the law.

(3) Once Negroes have gained the right to attend non-segregated schools and once segregation by law has been knocked out, the cause for the pressure for non-segregation will have been removed. There will be a tendency for Negroes to relax. The very fact that the law says to Negroes, "You cannot" and "You must not," makes them determined to get the law changed. Human nature is like that. In many areas of the North, Negroes are free to worship in white churches but they prefer the Negro church where they hold membership and where their fathers and mothers were members. Riverside church in New York has been opened to Negroes for decades and yet the Negro churches in Harlem are packed to capacity with only a few Negroes in the membership at Riverside. This will be the case in the public schools if the Negro school is first rate.

(4) Then there is the problem of residential segregation. Both in the North and in the South Negroes are segregated. Even in the North there are segregated schools due mainly to the fact that the people who live in the area are either Negroes or whites. This pattern will be followed in the South. There will be more mixture in some places than in others. In many areas there will be no mixture for some time to come. It is for these four reasons that integration or desegregation will be slower than we think.

We are unnecessarily excited because recent experiences indicate that there is nothing to fear. Desegregation will be easier than we think because it has been in process fifteen years or more and no calamity has fallen upon the South. When the white primary was declared unconstitutional, Negroes voted and there was no revolution. When the Supreme Court made it possible for Negroes to eat unsegregated in the dining car and to travel as interstate passengers unsegregated the travelling white public accepted it. When the federal courts ruled in favor of Negroes attending white universities in the South, the Negro students were enrolled and there was no revolution down South. Negroes are enrolled in every southern state university except in South

Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, Florida, and Mississippi. The Supreme Court has ruled that residential segregation cannot be enforced by law. There have been no race riots as a result of it. Segregation in the armed services is almost a thing of the past and nobody is disturbed. The prophets of doom who predicted catastrophe if these changes were made were wrong, and I predict that the current prophets of doom will be equally wrong. And we must never forget that there are thirty-one states in this great nation of ours that have no segregation based on law.

It is human nature to fear the unknown and the untried. Less than a century ago this country was terribly upset over women's suffrage and the education of women. In 1872, eighty-one short years ago, Susan B. Anthony was arrested, brought to trial and found guilty of a crime, and fined $100 because she voted in a November election. It was argued that if women were educated the home would be destroyed and women would not want to bear and rear children. Today women are being educated on a parity with men. They hold virtually every degree that men hold and they still fall in love, get married, bear children and rear them, Ph.D.'s notwithstanding. A few years from now we will see that we were excited about nothing in the public school cases, just as we were excited about nothing when we were afraid to educate women and let them vote. Our greatest fears are fears of things that never happen.

I suppose I have more faith in my native South than most Southerners. If the United States Supreme Court rules against segregation in the public schools, I believe the Southern people will meet the challenge with dignity, poise, and calm. In other Supreme Court decisions the South has made the adjustment and I believe the South will make the adjustment if segregation in the public schools is declared unconstitutional. I was born and reared in the South and with the exception of eight years in college and university in the East and West, I have elected to live in the South. I have seen marvelous changes take place in human relations since my boyhood days in South Carolina. So I have faith in my native South. If our leaders are cool, calm, and collected, and if they lead in the spirit of democracy and the Christian Religion, the people will follow and we will prove to the world that we not only talk democracy but we live it; we not only talk Christianity but we walk it.

Finally, and make no mistake, it will be much easier for America and the South to adjust to a non-segregated economy than it will be for us to explain to the world why we draw distinctions based on race and color. In our efforts to justify legal segregation based on race and color let us beware lest we find ourselves fighting against a high moral law, against the democracy which we fought two world wars to maintain and against the Christian Religion which we claim to believe in. If legal segregation is wrong, we need have no fear of its abolition.

The basic issue, then, confronting the United States is not what will happen if segregation is abolished in the public schools, the basic issue is what will happen to our Democracy and our Religion if we do not get rid of legal segregation based on color.

The Challenge of Integration

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FOR several years now we who are concerned have watched with pride and hope the doors of the major graduate institutions open to members of the minority groups. To those who fought untiringly to achieve this end, the admittance of Negro students into white graduate schools in the South gives encouragement and renewed strength. However, no matter how hard it is to face, there is an issue which we must confront.

You, our leaders, are fighting to get us admitted into the institutions and once there, we the students must fight tooth and nail for survival. The path toward academic adjustment is sharply uphill. In other words, students from our finest Negro colleges are, in many cases, unable to compete with students from the white race. And who is to blame? Would you place full responsibility upon the student and charge him with negligence? That I believe would be committing a grave injustice. For the student is fundamentally the same person as he was in undergraduate school. The important difference is that now he has moved over into another world of evaluation and by the standards of that world his performance has been measured and found lacking.

It is this then that is a primary devastating effect of segregation upon education — the lack of adequate preparation for competition and survival in an integrated society. Until each student is afforded equal environmental and educational advantages from infancy there can be no realistic hope for equal performance in the educational world. So long as there are two sets of standards in accrediting elementary, secondary, and college institutions, there will be two levels of performance. (When I said "equal environmental and educational advantages," I was not referring to the separate but equal theory. Each of us knows there are many fallacies in that philosophy.)

Now this basic problem of lack of preparation is a culmination of many issues. Fundamental among these I would choose physical and curricular limitations of Negro schools, and conceived attitudes of the Negro both towards himself and towards whites.

The most evident limitation of Negro schools is physical. As one looks at the plants, the teaching facilities, the experimental equipment, or the recreational provisions of both the white and Negro schools, the absolute inequality of the system is overpowering. The physical limitations reflect themselves directly upon the curriculum. And it is in the curriculum that

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we find the crux of inadequate preparation. No student, no matter how brilliant he is, should be expected to retain that material which he has had no contact with or cope with those areas which he has never had background for. Yet in the fields of open competition each student, regardless of race or background, is held responsible for those areas set up as essentials for successful living. And this is as it should be. The injustice of the situation lies not in the competition but in the fact that not every student has been given a chance to realize his full potentialities; therefore, he is unable to meet the competition.

Curricular limitations can be held partly responsible for the lack of variety in modern Negro business. Indeed in many instances, entire areas, such as business administration, scientific research, international relations, and advertising entirely escape the imagination of most Negro children as they decide very early in their educational development to become nurses, teachers, doctors, or hairdressers. The inadequate curriculum does not provide for exploration into other professional fields.

There are varying attitudes which Negroes develop toward themselves and toward the overall white populace as a result of segregation. One attitude which I believe is most harmful is that of automatic subordination. Many young Negro students consciously or unconsciously subordinate themselves in every contact with white student.

Of course there is the exact opposite attitude to consider. There is a tendency to violently oppose or attack any issue which is introduced or supported by a member of the opposite race. This is indicative of instilled resentment and is just as negative as subordination. For anytime one loses sight of the issue to respond to the individual, then a well thought out, rational response is unlikely to be forthcoming. Oversensitivity, distrust, defeatism, and uneasiness towards whites are all fruits of the evil seed of segregation.

There are all kinds of theories about the *possible effects* of integration. No one can know what these really are; but I can say that they certainly can be no worse than the *actual effects* of segregation. There will have to be a period of adjustment, and no one can visualize this period without its awkward moments. There will be situations of tension and uneasiness. Negro students now in excellent standing in segregated schools may very possibly find themselves students of good or fair standing in integrated institutions. Student social life will definitely be affected; for even with the achievement of educational democracy, there is no assurance that this democracy will seep over into social life and everyday life situations. There is only hope and a strong possibility.

So there are immediate negative effects to be expected even from integration; but we may be sure that most of these ill effects will pass with time and patience and that the overall effect of integration will be a more enlightened America, a land where no child need fear competition because of unequal educational opportunities.

In our final educational years, we,

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SOUTH AFRICA TODAY

By EMMETT J. and JOYCE L. MURPHY

THE dramatic Defiance of Unjust Laws Campaign in the Union of South Africa has ended; the country is relatively quiet after its newsworthy turbulence of last year. We were privileged to be in the Union during most of the course of the Defiance Campaign and the national elections in April which returned Prime Minister Malan's Nationalist Party to power with a large majority.

South Africa is one of the few countries outside the Iron Curtain where the great bulk of the people have no voice in deciding their own destiny. There a small white minority, in a determined effort to maintain its tight control over some 10,000,000 non-whites, jealously retains the franchise for its own use. A small number of Cape Coloureds and a much smaller handful of Africans are allowed to vote in the Cape Province of the Union, but only for white Members of Parliament. Three white M.P.'s represent nearly three million Africans from the Cape Province in a Parliament of almost 150 members. In the other three provinces over seven million Coloureds, Africans, and Indians are totally without representation.

The oft-touted wealth of South Africa is grossly obvious on the white side and almost non-existent on the non-white side. Whites (who term themselves "Europeans") own 87% of the land, including most of the richer soil, though they make up less than 13% of the nation's population. They have a virtual monopoly on skilled jobs, since Non-Europeans are allowed (by law) to practice skilled trades only in prescribed non-white areas, where, of course, the standard of living is so low that there is no demand for skilled work. Further, although Non-Europeans may form labor unions, their unions cannot strike nor use any method of gaining their ends except petitioning.

This schizoid organization of society is South Africa's whole theme of life. Alan Paton's *Cry, The Beloved Country* gave a touching and eloquent announcement of it; the movie based on the book shows the same tragedy, particularly when the camera winds among the crude streets of the Johannesburg "locations." Yet strangely enough, neither the book nor the picture was well received by the small group of well educated Africans, who were preponderantly of the opinion that the book showed too little of the sharpening cleavage between black and white, as well as devoting too little attention to the trend away from

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Mr. and Mrs. Murphy returned to this country last year after several months' stay in South Africa, where Mr. Murphy taught at University College of Fort Hare. Their article is presented in two parts; the second will appear in the next issue of New South.

the peaceable and gradualistic approach espoused by the author.

If we remember the fundamentally dual nature of South African life for a moment, and look at each of the two sides in turn, we are overwhelmed by the turbulent conflicts that rage between Afrikaner and Briton and three ways among African, Indian, and Coloured.

Between the Briton and the Afrikaner is a feeling suggestive of a highly exaggerated North-South Civil War memory. Afrikaner culture almost appears to revolve around the backward looking shame, resentment, bitterness, and vengefulness that have survived the Anglo-Boer War at the turn of the century. In an Afrikaner memorial to the Voortrekkers near Bloomfontein are inscribed the words, "We shall neither forgive nor forget." In public schools in the Cape Province it is frequent to find associations of Afrikaner boys who mete out stern punishment to those of their own group who are caught speaking the hated English language. In the province of Natal the smug Britons often look down loftily upon the heads of the rural Afrikaners, describing them as "boorish," "uncultured," "crude," "stupid," and worse.

This serious conflict carries over in only the most limited sort of way into the race schism. Most of the small group of South African liberals are drawn from the British descended community, but it is misleading to say that this community is more liberal than the Afrikaners. The United Party, representing primarily the Britons, and the Nationalist Party, representing mainly Afrikaners, differ so little in their race policies as to offer virtually no choice.

The feudalistic "apartheid" policy of the Nationalists is stated in blunt and uncompromising terms: social segregation, territorial segregation, white supremacy, different bills of rights for different groups, a hierarchical social structure with the Afrikaners perched securely on top, and eventually even separate black and white states. The Indians, when they are mentioned, are generally threatened with a mass deportation back to India.

The "trusteeship" policy of the United Party speaks more softly for roughly the same sort of outcome: benevolent supervision of black by white, gradual improvement of the education and the economy of the black man, no social equality but no "social injustice," white supremacy, training Africans for manual and domestic work, and a gradual, hazy working things out for the best without relaxing the systems of white supremacy and segregation. The Indians, who are mentioned frequently by the strong Natal wing of the Party, will be sent out of the country as soon as practicable.

For the most part, the 1,000,000 Coloureds (descended from matings between Boer pioneers and Hottentots, Indians, and Malays) of the Cape Province sit passively on the sidelines hoping to be liked better by the whites without being resented more by the Africans. For the most part we found them to be a pleasant and friendly people who, in contrast to other South Africans, talk politics and race relatively rarely. The frustrations of their neither-nor life, acting on the old custom of drinking wine as part payment

for working the vineyards and wine presses of the Cape, have produced a disturbing number of alcoholics among Coloured men.

In Natal, where the Indians and the Zulus live in uneasy contiguity, a chronic hostility (occasionally egged on by the Indian-hating whites) once in a while erupts in bloody riots and massacres. The Durban riot in 1949 resulted in the deaths of hundreds of Indians, brutally attacked by mobs of Zulus who had been encouraged to believe that many of their troubles were directly due to the Indian shopkeepers who preyed on them. It is true that in Natal there are many Indian small businessmen, and it is true that they make a large part of their profit from Zulu trade. It is even true that many Indian shopkeepers were snobbish and pecuniary. This situation has been exploited by a few white and Zulu rabble rousers and serves excellently to drain off some of the resentments both Indians and Zulus nurture against the whites, and to discourage the unity between the two non-white groups that their leaders press for.

Challenge of Integration

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the older students, are getting the advantages of educational equality, but we have hope for those following us, hope that the opportunities may be granted them earlier, that they not only be granted equal opportunities, but that they be inspired to take advantage of these opportunities. For, for all our struggling and fighting for integration, there are yet those who refuse to see that integration entails responsibility. Any person who is to enjoy the fruits of true democracy must prepare himself for the responsibility of preserving that democracy and making it accessible to all people.

Educational democracy in America is coming. Regardless of the forthcoming Supreme Court decision, the hearts, and wills, and efforts of too many Americans are set facing that goal, and no man-made decision to the contrary can impede the steady trek toward our God-given gift of equality. Let us hope that this thought will be in the minds of our Justices as they weigh the question before them. We are not demanding something to which we have no right, we are only asking that we be regranted that which is truly ours. In this task we seek to realize a dream of a good America, substantiate a hope for a better America, and to secure for all people of all time the inalienable right of true democracy.

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SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL

Proposed budget for period May 1 through December 31, 1953

Salaries	$ 19,999.84
Social Security	200.00
Special salaries	700.00
Rent	840.00
Travel	2,000.00
Office supplies	700.00
Postage	400.00
Telephone & telegraph	700.00
Books & subscriptions	60.00
Georgia sales tax	8.00
Bank exchange	4.00
State School volunteers (expenses)	1,800.00
Printing	400.00
Board and Membership meet.	1,000.00
Miscellaneous	100.00
	$ 28,911.84

For the time being, we propose that model By-Laws shall contain some such statement of the purposes as follows:

> "To exist and function as an eleeomosynary organization, and more particularly to maintain an organization for the improvement of economic, civic, and racial conditions in the South, in the endeavor to promote a greater unity in the South in all efforts toward regional and racial development; to attain through research and action programs the ideals and practices which will result in the greatest good for all peoples in the region; to reduce race tension, the basis of race tension, racial misunderstanding, and racial distrust, to develop and integrate leadership in the South on new levels of regional development and fellowship; and to cooperate with local, state, and regional agencies on all levels in the attainment of the desired objectives."

In addition, we are considering putting into the proposed model By-Laws some such language as "So long as the (name of organization) is monetarily assisted by the Southern Regional Council, no substantial part of its activities shall be carrying on propaganda or otherwise attempting to influence legislation."

MEMORANDUM #2

May 11, 1954

TO: Chairmen of State Divisions or Affiliates in Cooperating Communities

FROM: George S. Mitchell, Executive Director
Southern Regional Council

The following letter has been written to the Chairman of the Mississippi Division:

All our experience points strongly to the wisdom of having membership on a twelve months basis, not the calendar year. That is to say that members should be billed annually on the anniversary of the month of joining. This spreads the work of billing and gets you out of the difficulty of the person who joins in November and then to his displeasure is billed in January. It also spreads your income.

I do recommend $5.00 as minimum annual dues, but we have no power to overrule you on that matter. I think to be fair all around it should be $5.00 dues, $3.00 to be retained in your own Mississippi territory, and $2.00 per person to be sent to SRC in Atlanta as subscription to New South. But for the time being we propose to leave New South subscriptions at $1.50 expecting to raise it January 1, 1955, to $2.00.

We are at work on a model set of By-Laws for state bodies. They run along the lines of an annual membership meeting and an executive committee of sixteen elected members with staggered terms: Four expiring at the end of the first year, four at the end of the second, four at the end of the third, and four at the end of the fourth year. The executive committee would comprise among its membership, in addition to its sixteen elected members, the chairman, vice-chairmen, and the secretary-treasurer.

Your secretary-treasurer could delegate the power of the purse to your executive secretary.

The organization would affiliate with the SRC roughly in accordance with Article IV of the By-Laws of the SRC.

We do not have an application form for candidates seeking staff positions with state organizations. I think the choice has to be largely personal and many of your own membership and the executive committee would be expected to know the various applicants intimately. Pick competent, devoted, and skillful people, and have a regard for their loyalty to the principles of American constitutional government.

Your executive committee should at an early date name a finance committee, whose members need not be members of the executive committee. Suggested number -- five. Chairmen of finance committees should make quarterly reports to the executive committees on fund raising activities.

As soon as we can supply you with model By-Laws, you are free to begin operations as an independent but affiliated body, in accordance with Article IV of the By-Laws of SRC.

BY-LAWS

OF THE

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, Inc.

ARTICLE I. NAME AND AREA

Section 1. Name. The name of this organization shall be the Southern Regional Council, Incorporated. The terms "Council" or "Corporation" used hereafter in these by-laws shall mean the "Southern Regional Council, Inc."

Section 2. Area. For the purposes of this corporation the Southern Region shall be defined as embracing the States of Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, and Virginia. All members of the corporation shall be residents of this area. This area may be increased or reduced at any annual meeting of the members as hereinafter defined.

ARTICLE II. MEMBERS

Section 1. Members

A. The members of the corporation shall be as follows:

1. Not more than 50 or less than 40 persons, hereafter called members, elected by the annual meeting at which these by-laws are adopted.
2. Two persons, hereafter called ex-officio members, from each affiliated State organization. These two persons from each affiliated State organization shall be the chairman of such affiliated organization and one additional member elected by the members of such organization.
3. The president, the vice-presidents, the counsel, the executive director, and the associate director shall also be ex-officio members.

B. A member, as distinct from an ex-officio member, shall hold office for four years (except as provided in Section 1-C of this Article) and until his successor shall have been duly chosen and qualified and until he shall have resigned or shall have been removed in the manner provided by Section 8 in this Article. No such member shall serve more than two consecutive full terms of four years each (or, in accordance with Section 1-C of this Article, one short term and one full four-year term, consecutively). Chairmen of affiliated State organizations shall hold ex-officio membership in the corporation as long as they are chairmen of affiliated State organizations, and ex-officio members elected by their affiliated State organizations shall hold membership in the corporation for not more than two consecutive four-year terms, or portions thereof.

C. The members elected at the meeting at which these by-laws are adopted shall be divided by lot in such a way that the terms of one-half shall expire at the time of the annual meeting in 1955, and the remainder at the annual meeting in 1957.

D. Successors to members (as distinct from ex-officio members) shall, upon expiration of terms or death, resignation, or removal, be elected by all members of the corporation, including ex-officio members, at the next meeting following occurrence of such vacancy, provided that in such elections the executive director and the associate executive director shall not be entitled to vote.

Section 2. Notice of Meetings and Membership Rights

A. Notice of the place, day, and hour of every regular and special meeting shall be given to each member and ex-officio membmer not less than ten (10) days before the meeting, by delivering the same to him personally, or sending the same to him by telegraph or telephone or by leaving the same at his last known post office address, according to the records of the corporation. It shall not be requisite to the validity of any meeting of the Council that notice thereof shall have been received by any member and ex-officio member who is present thereat or, if absent, waives notice thereof in writing filed with the

Section 6. Special Meetings. At any time in the interval between annual meetings, special meetings may be called by the president or any ten (10) members or ex-officio members.

Section 7. Quorum. Fifteen members and/or ex-officio members of the Council shall be necessary to constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at every meeting of the members; but if at any meeting there be less than a quorum present, a majority of those present may adjourn the meeting from time to time, but not for a period of over fifteen (15) days at any one time, without notice other than by announcement at the meeting until a quorum shall attend. At any such adjourned meeting at which a quorum shall be present, any business may be transacted which might have been transacted at the meeting as originally notified.

Section 8. Removal. At any meeting called with that purpose stated in the call, any member may, by a majority of the votes cast, be removed from office for cause, and another be appointed in the place of the person so removed to serve for the remainder of his term. Permanent change of residence or citizenship to a point beyond the area, as defined in or pursuant to Article I, Section 2, will automatically terminate the membership of one so changing residence or citizenship.

ARTICLE III. FELLOWS

The Council may award honorary fellowships, not exceeding one hundred (100) in number, to Southerners who have demonstrated exceptional talent for constructive leadership. Fellows shall be chosen in such manner as the Council may prescribe, provided they are well distributed as to race, sex, creed, occupation, and place of residence. The duties of fellows shall be to cooperate with the Council as observers, advisers, correspondents, and special representatives. Fellows may receive such honoraria or reimbursement of expenses incurred at the request of the Executive Committee as the Council may direct. The term of a fellowship shall be for two years, unless otherwise provided by the Council, and fellowships may be renewed or withdrawn at the discretion of the Council. Fellows need not be members of the corporation.

ARTICLE IV. AFFILIATES

Organized groups or agencies whose aims and methods are closely akin to the aims and methods of the Southern Regional Council may, at the discretion of the Council, become affiliates of the Council, upon such conditions as the corporation may prescribe. The by-laws of such organized groups or agencies shall be approved by the Council or the Executive Committee of the Council in advance of affiliation. Alterations in the by-laws of such affiliated organizations shall become valid only after written approval of the proposed altered language by or on behalf of the Southern Regional Council. The Council shall prescribe a uniform accounting and auditing system for all affiliated organizations and shall require adherence to such system by all affiliated organizations. Affiliated organizations may disaffiliate. The Council may require disaffiliation for breach of the by-laws of an affiliated organization, or in the event that (after a hearing by the Council) the Council deems the aims and methods of such organization to be no longer closely akin to those of the Southern Regional Council. In the event of disaffiliation, any property of the affiliate purchased with the proceeds of Council aid to such affiliate shall be at the disposition of the Council.

ARTICLE V. COMMITTEES

Section 1. Executive Committee. The Council shall provide for an Executive Committee of not more than nine (9) members in addition to the [illegible] the executive director and the

discontinue the same at pleasure. Each such committee shall have such powers and perform such duties, not inconsistent with these by-laws, as may be assigned to it by the Council. If provision be made for any such committee, the members thereof shall be appointed by the Council. Vacancies in such committees shall be filled by the Council or by such committee or officer as the Council may authorize to fill such vacancies.

ARTICLE VI. OFFICERS

Section 1. Executive Officers. The executive officers of the corporation shall be a president; one or more vice-presidents, not to exceed four; an executive director; an associate executive director; a secretary; and a treasurer. The president and the vice-presidents shall be chosen from among the members of the corporation. The executive director and the associate executive director need not be members at the time of their election, but by virtue of their office shall become ex-officio members of the corporation, with all the privileges of such members. The secretary and the treasurer need not be members, and the offices of secretary and treasurer may be held by the same person. The president and vice-presidents shall be elected annually by the Council. The executive director and associate executive director, secretary-treasurer, and counsel shall be subject to confirmation annually by the Council, upon the recommendation of the Executive Committee. Officers shall hold office until the corresponding meeting in the next year, and until their successors shall have been fully chosen and qualified, or until they shall have resigned or shall have been removed, in the manner provided in Section 13 of this Article. Any vacancy in any of the above offices shall be filled for the unexpired portion of the term by the Council, at any regular or special meeting.

Section 2. President. The president of the corporation shall serve as chairman of the Council. He shall, when present, preside at all meetings of the Council, and he shall perform such other duties as, from time to time, may be assigned to him by the Council.

Section 3. First Vice-President. At the request of the president, or in his absence or disability, the first vice-president shall perform all the duties of the president; and when so acting shall have the powers of the president; and shall perform such other duties as, from time to time, may be assigned to him by the Council.

Section 4 Additional Vice-Presidents. Each additional vice-president, if any, shall perform the duties of the office in order of his rank and shall have such powers and perform such duties as may be assigned to him by the Council.

Section 5. Executive Director. The executive director shall be charged with the execution of the program and policies of the Council as defined by the Council, and shall be responsible directly to the Council. He shall have general charge and supervision of the employed personnel of the Council, he may sign and execute, in the name of the corporation, all authorized deeds, mortgages, bonds, contracts, or other instruments, except in cases in which the signing and execution thereof shall have been expressly delegated to some other officer or agent of the corporation; and he shall perform such other duties as from time to time may be assigned to him by the Executive Committee or by the Council.

Section 6. Associate Executive Director. The associate executive director shall work in cooperation with the executive director in the administration of the program and policies of the Council. At the request of the executive director, or in case of his absence or disability, the associate executive director shall perform the duties of the executive director, and he shall perform such other duties as, from time to time, may be assigned to him by the Executive Committee or by the Council.

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B. The rights of any member in the corporation shall not be assignable or transferable, except in the case of proxies, as provided in Section 4 of this Article, and his rights shall cease with death, resignation, or termination of membership for any cause.

Section 3. Voting. Each member or ex-officio member shall have one vote and, except in cases in which it is by the charter or by these by-laws otherwise provided, a majority of the votes cast shall be sufficient to elect and to pass any measure. Voting by mail may be conducted on such questions and in such manner as may be provided by the Executive Committee.

Section 4. Proxies. Any member or ex-officio member entitled to vote at any meeting of members may vote either in person or by proxy. All proxies shall be given to members of this body only, and each one shall designate the name of the member who shall act as proxy. Every proxy shall be in writing, subscribed by the member, or his duly authorized attorney, and dated, but need not be sealed, witnessed, or acknowledged. Proxies shall be delivered to the secretary of the corporation before such meeting or to the inspectors at the meeting.

Section 5. Annual Meetings. The corporation shall hold annually a meeting for the election of officers and for the transaction of general business at its principal office in Atlanta at ten o'clock a. m. on the second Wednesday in November in each year, if not a legal holiday, or at such other place and such other time within sixty days as may be designated by the Executive Committee, provided notice of such meeting, including day, hour, and place, shall be given each member of the Council in writing at least thirty days in advance. Such annual meetings shall be general meetings; that is to say, open for the transaction of any business within the powers of the corporation without special notice of such business, unless otherwise provided in these by-laws.

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Section 8. Removal. At any meeting called with that purpose stated in the call, any member may, by a majority of the votes cast, be removed from office for cause, and another be appointed in the place of the person so removed to serve for the remainder of his term. Permanent change of residence or citizenship to a point beyond the area, as defined in or pursuant to Article I, Section 2, will automatically terminate the membership of one so changing residence or citizenship.

ARTICLE III. FELLOWS

The Council may award honorary fellowships, not exceeding one hundred (100) in number, to Southerners who have demonstrated exceptional talent for constructive leadership. Fellows shall be chosen in such manner as the Council may prescribe, provided they are well distributed as to race, sex, creed, occupation, and place of residence. The duties of fellows shall be to cooperate with the Council as observers, advisers, correspondents, and special representatives. Fellows may receive such honoraria or reimbursement of expenses incurred at the request of the Executive Committee as the Council may direct. The term of a fellowship shall be for two years, unless otherwise provided by the Council, and fellowships may be renewed or withdrawn at the discretion of the Council. Fellows need not be members of the corporation.

ARTICLE IV. AFFILIATES

Organized groups or agencies whose aims and methods are closely akin to the aims and methods of the Southern Regional Council may, at the discretion of the Council, become affiliates of the Council, upon such conditions as the corporation may prescribe. The by-laws of such organized groups or agencies shall be approved by the Council or the Executive Committee of the Council in advance of affiliation. Alterations in the by-laws of such affiliated organizations shall become valid only after written approval of the proposed altered language by or on behalf of the Southern Regional Council. The Council shall prescribe a uniform accounting and auditing system for all affiliated organizations and shall require adherence to such system by all affiliated organizations. Affiliated organizations may disaffiliate. The Council may require disaffiliation for breach of the by-laws of an affiliated organization, or in the event that (after a hearing by the Council) the Council deems the aims and methods of such organization to be no longer closely akin to those of the Southern Regional Council. In the event of disaffiliation, any property of the affiliate purchased with the proceeds of Council aid to such affiliate shall be at the disposition of the Council.

ARTICLE V. COMMITTEES

Section 1. Executive Committee. The Council shall provide for an Executive Committee of not more than nine (9) members in addition to the president and vice-presidents and counsel; the executive director and the associate executive director shall also be ex-officio members of the Committee, but without the right to vote. The Executive Committee shall serve during the pleasure of the Council and may be discharged and the Committee abolished at any time by the Council. Unless one of the members shall have been designated as chairman by the Council, the Executive Committee shall elect a chairman from its own number. During the intervals between the meetings of the Council the Executive Committee shall possess and may exercise all of the powers of the corporation, conferred by these by-laws or the charter of the corporation, in all cases in which specific directions shall not have been given by the Council. The Executive Committee shall keep full and fair accounts of its transactions. All action by the Executive Committee shall be reported to the Council at its meeting next succeeding such action, and shall be subject to revision and alterations by the Council; provided that no rights of third persons shall be affected by any such revision or alteration. Vacancies in the Executive Committee shall be filled by the Council.

Section 2. Meetings of Executive Committee. The Executive ~~Council~~ Committee shall fix its own rules of procedure, and shall meet as provided by such rules or by resolution of the Council, and it shall also meet at the call of the chairman or of any three members of the Committee. A quorum of the Executive Committee shall consist of not less than five (5) members of the Committee. If necessary, members of the Executive Committee may by written notice appoint a proxy from among the members of the Council to attend and vote on behalf of such members.

Section 3. National Advisory Committee. The Council may establish a National Advisory Committee, composed of persons who reside outside the area of the Southern Regional Council and who are sympathetic with the aims and policies of the Council, whose purpose shall be to advise the Council on matters pertaining to its work.

Section 4. Other Committees. The Council may by resolution provide for such other standing or special committees as it deems desirable and may

shall be a president; one or more vice-presidents, not to exceed four; an executive director; an associate executive director; a secretary; and a treasurer. The president and the vice-presidents shall be chosen from among the members of the corporation. The executive director and the associate executive director need not be members at the time of their election, but by virtue of their office shall become ex-officio members of the corporation, with all the privileges of such members. The secretary and the treasurer need not be members, and the offices of secretary and treasurer may be held by the same person. The president and vice-presidents shall be elected annually by the Council. The executive director and associate executive director, secretary-treasurer, and counsel shall be subject to confirmation annually by the Council, upon the recommendation of the Executive Committee. Officers shall hold office until the corresponding meeting in the next year, and until their successors shall have been fully chosen and qualified, or until they shall have resigned or shall have been removed, in the manner provided in Section 13 of this Article. Any vacancy in any of the above offices shall be filled for the unexpired portion of the term by the Council, at any regular or special meeting.

Section 2. President. The president of the corporation shall serve as chairman of the Council. He shall, when present, preside at all meetings of the Council, and he shall perform such other duties as, from time to time, may be assigned to him by the Council.

Section 3. First Vice-President. At the request of the president, or in his absence or disability, the first vice-president shall perform all the duties of the president; and when so acting shall have the powers of the president; and shall perform such other duties as, from time to time, may be assigned to him by the Council.

Section 4 Additional Vice-Presidents. Each additional vice-president, if any, shall perform the duties of the office in order of his rank and shall have such powers and perform such duties as may be assigned to him by the Council.

Section 5. Executive Director. The executive director shall be charged with the execution of the program and policies of the Council as defined by the Council, and shall be responsible directly to the Council. He shall have general charge and supervision of the employed personnel of the Council, he may sign and execute, in the name of the corporation, all authorized deeds, mortgages, bonds, contracts, or other instruments, except in cases in which the signing and execution thereof shall have been expressly delegated to some other officer or agent of the corporation; and he shall perform such other duties as from time to time may be assigned to him by the Executive Committee or by the Council.

Section 6. Associate Executive Director. The associate executive director shall work in cooperation with the executive director in the administration of the program and policies of the Council. At the request of the executive director, or in case of his absence or disability, the associate executive director shall perform the duties of the executive director, and he shall perform such other duties as, from time to time, may be assigned to him by the Executive Committee or by the Council.

Section 7. Secretary. The secretary shall keep the minutes of the meetings of the Council and of the Executive Committee, in books provided for the purpose; he shall see that all notices are duly given in accordance with the provisions of these by-laws, or as required by law; he shall be custodian of the records and of the corporate seal or seals of the corporation; he shall see that the corporate seal is affixed to all documents, the execution of which, on behalf of the corporation, under its seal, is duly authorized, and when so affixed may attest the same; and, in general, he shall perform all duties incident to the office of a secretary of a corporation, and such other duties as, from time to time, may be assigned to him by the Council or by the by-laws.

Section 8. Treasurer. The treasurer shall have charge of and be responsible for all funds, securities, receipts and disbursements of the corporation, and shall deposit, or cause to be deposited, in the name of the corporation, all monies or other valuable effects in such banks, trust companies, or other depositories as shall, from time to time, be selected by the Council; he shall render to the president and to the Council annually, and at other times whenever requested, an account of the financial condition of the corporation; and, in general, shall perform all duties incident to the office of a treasurer of a corporation, and such other duties as may be assigned to him by the Council.

Section 9. Controller. The office of controller may be created by the Council, and the duties and authority of such officer shall be fixed by the Council.

Section 10. Counsel. The duties and authority of the counsel shall be fixed by the Council, and he shall be a member of the Council, by virtue of his office.

Adopted by the Membership Meeting of May 14, 1953, subject to implementation by the Executive Committee; made effective by the Executive Committee on April 6, 1954.

MAW's letter of July 8, '54

MEMORANDUM

TO: Board of Directors, Southern Regional Council, Inc.

FROM: George S. Mitchell, Executive Director

DATE: July 20, 1954

Your Executive Committee and the staff wish to do more in the future to keep you informed of the Council's program. We all value your comments, criticisms, and views as to things we should or should not be doing.

April 1st caught us moving along much as usual. We were still pushing Questions and Answers: The Schools and the Courts and A Checklist for Your Local Schools, and we were busily organizing things to get ministers and recognized local church leaders travelling around in designated parts of the South to form local discussion groups on what to do about the expected decision.

The grant from the Fund for the Republic put us into a state of great activity. A friend wrote in and said that we wouldn't be busier, but that we would get more done. I am sure we have been busy and I suppose more than usual has been done

Our first move was to talk by telephone with our leading people in each of the twelve states in which we hope to organize permanent movements. Those conversations were followed by Memorandum #1 which put down the simple outlines of what the new relationships would be.

CENTRAL STAFF

The staff at the Central Office has necessarily grown. We brought in first a clerk-stenographer and then an assistant bookkeeper, or general clerk, and then a substitute for our Sociologist who is away at Summer School. June 1st we got on to the staff Mrs. Grace Towns Hamilton. She has been the Executive Secretary of the Atlanta Urban League. Richly trained, deeply experienced, and broadly thoughtful as to the problems of the region, she has been a strong resource in all of our many policy discussions.

As yet, no final choice of a person or persons to be the Director, or Directors, of the Field Program has been made. At least one such person is needed as a key to our administrative structure. He should relieve me of much of the direct negotiation with the state groups. We have had on the payroll from about June 10th a man that we think is a suitable candidate for this job.

OFFICIAL HUMAN RELATIONS BODIES

We began to see emerging as a cloud no bigger than a man's hand a Southern interest in Mayors' Commissions on Human Relations. Dade County, Florida, as you know, set up one years ago. We had a hand in getting another going in Rock Hill, South Carolina. The Mayor of Charlotte, North Carolina, has been authorized by his City Council to set up one. The people in Anderson, South Carolina, want one. The Mayor of Atlanta has done some planning toward getting one. We think the real and permanenet solution is in official representation of the Negro community on all public boards affecting their needs. But in a good many jurisdictions it is years before elections of school board people come up, or the population distribution may be such as to make election difficult or unlikely. In those situations, we

would be willing to agree that a town should set up a Mayor's Commission to obtain responsible advice from the Negro community on their on-going problems. We sent out Earl Brewer to review, quickly, the experience of three or four typical Northern Mayors' Commissions; look at what has been done thus far in the South; and to do a lengthy article for us to get out to our people explaining the movement and pointing up its pitfalls and possible benefits.

Brewer is a Rural Sociologist and a Methodist minister trained at Duke and at Chapel Hill, and now teaching in the School of Theology at Emory University. He has been responsible for organizing the work of the Methodist Church in Town and Country policy relationships; a wide-spread Southern effort which has given him a lot of travel and experience with leadership groups already.

FIELD TRAVEL

Another similar move has been the employment of Mr. C. H. Parrish of the University of Louisville, to travel in selected Southern states during the summer months and sound out opinion, and particularly Negro opinion, as to the needs of the state for organized work in the field of race relations, and as to the leadership and financial resources available. Parrish is a sound fellow. He is the only Negro professor, from the former Louisville Municipal College, taken over to the University of Louisville when the two were consolidated. He is a judicious observer. We used him successfully in Alabama last February and March in drawing together local discussion groups on the schools and the courts. We anticipate, from his former travels, a stream of quite helpful advice from five or six Southern states. He goes back to his teaching job next Fall.

Still another venture of the Central Office has been the employment of an economist from Berea College, Mr. Robert Menefee. He came on a two months basis. I must have talked with you about the opportunity offered in the mountain areas, where the population runs about 95 or 98 per cent white, county by county, in early desegregation of the schools. We did something toward getting out a publication that would revive the roots of the mountain tradition of freedom of action resulting from their stand of a hundred years ago. But I concluded that the wisest thing to do was not to go into print on that point, but to send around a mountainy fellow who, in conversation with the people in leadership positions in the mountain, would direct thought toward the parallel of this situation with the earlier one, which would suggest a moral. Menefee is from Ashland, Kentucky, and he and his wife have a good deal of experience in community organization. They will travel together this summer at SRC expense to get this job done.

EQUAL PENALTIES

Into these busy weeks we have squeezed, also, a rally of effort on our long-hanging Commission on Equal Penalties in Courts of Law. Our Council's President made an arrangement with Haverford College to send six students to do a piece of research in six county court houses -- Shreveport, Kosciusko, Montgomery, Cartersville, Bamberg, and Winston-Salem. We brought the young men down and briefed them, and about June 1st they flitted to their official stations. You can imagine that the telephone activity picked up as these youngsters got bedded into Kosciusko and Bamberg: one got the measles; and one got written up in the county weekly; and one got cold treatment from the county court. But by one ingenuity or the other they got about 85 per cent of what they went after. That operation is over and the sheaves of filled out questionnaires are in hand. Now comes the matter of selecting nine commissioners, getting their consent, getting the research written up into readable form, and getting the Commission to inform the South how to reform its practices.

STATE ORGANIZATIONS

I find our state people in quite general agreement that they can use the summer to strengthen their Boards, and look over the field of possible people to be employed as Secretaries. Everybody likes the proposition.

Harold Fleming has met with the nucleus of our people in Arkansas, and Harry Ashmore and others there are planning for a small meeting later on that will get down to brass tacks.

I have met with our Chairman in Florida. A small meeting will occur there early in July and a larger one is planned for early September to get Florida going.

South Carolina has an embarrassment of people available for the paid positions and will be ready to go as soon as we release them.

Kentucky has had many conversations among the leading people. They seem to prefer a small Council representing many helpful organizations in the state as against a big membership body. I don't know what will be worked out there in the end, but there is every reason to suppose that a vigorous program will get underway in the state.

I spent a couple of days in Texas, July 1st and 2nd, and saw in Dallas and Houston many of our leading people. At Houston Mrs. James S. Crate, Chairman of the Texas Commission on Race Relations (affiliated with SRC), brought together some of her Executive Committee, and we laid plans for the Texas Commission to increase its membership and Board and to take on paid staff beginning about October 1. The Texas Commission has collected in cash and pledges $1150 already, and believes that it can handle its finances all right.

Oklahoma we have not been able to plan to assist directly, and I have written to our one Board member in the state to that effect. We consider Oklahoma a part of the South and definitely a part of the Southern Regional Council, but in the end we had to divide our available funds by 12 rather than by 13.

Mississippi has done some discussing and has looked over some candidates, but I don't think that serious efforts have as yet been made to get the Mississippi Division organized.

North Carolina is having its Executive Committee meeting along about now.

I have talked with the key people at the Council of Christian Social Relations in the Virginia Council of Churches. A verbal agreement has been reached that the Virginia Council of Churches, without surrendering formal authority to expand in the field of race relations would assist an SRC type of organization within a state to pick up an increasing portion of the work.

Two states have moved out early -- Georgia and Louisiana.

The Georgia Interracial Commission has for many years raised enough money to pay the salary of Mrs. M. E. Tilly so that they are accustomed to having at least a partially paid executive. They learned of the availability of a candidate whom most of us thought was remarkably suited for the job as Executive Secretary in Georgia. They agreed to raise the extra money involved in his employment during the months of June, July, and August, 1954. SRC has permitted the Georgia Interracial Committee to take Mr. Guy Wells on as its Secretary.

For the time being, little has been done to establish an office and he does not plan to take on a secretary or an Associate Executive as yet. Mr. Wells has a long history of helpful work in the state. He is past President of the Georgia Education Association, past District Governor of Rotary, and has, until recently, been President of a state teachers' college at Milledgeville, Georgia. His latest assignment was with the ECA in Libya, from which he had to return because of the illness of his wife. At 64 he has a lot of vigor in him still, and he earnestly wants to try to help Georgia to iron out its problems of race relations. He has been speaking over the state to Church and civic groups and groups of teachers. It is a difficult assignment in a summer of a rather odd gubernatorial race. But so far as we can see, he is doing it well and to good effect.

In Louisiana, we have a special siutation. There is, normally, a Louisiana Division of the Southern Regional Council. But it plays second fiddle to the New Orleans Committee on Race Relations which is affiliated, also, with the Southern Regional Council and all of its ninety-odd members are members of SRC. The New Orleans Committee has $1,000 in its treasury. They went ahead and employed an Executive Secretary, Mr. Milton Vigo.

Vigo has been well trained in New Orleans institutions, and was lately a teacher in a private academy in the city. Twenty-seven or twenty-eight, single, nice looking, judicious, with influential friends and a good grasp of the problems of the city. I have an agreement with Vigo that his Associate, when taken on, should be drawn from somewhere else in the state than New Orleans. Vigo makes use, for the time being, of a minimum of office space and has no secretary. He plans to pick up a fully established staff unit about September 1.

Nobody likes the available plan on Associate Secretaries. Nobody wants to share one with another state. I think it will check out with most of the states finding, over and above what they have to arrange for anyway, enough additional money to employ a full-time Associate Secretary, beginning in late Fall. In a few places, probably, they will pick up a half-time Associate Secretary -- which could work.

NEW BY-LAWS

The Southern Regional Council's Executive Committee met April 6th and reviewed the terms of the grant and the plans for getting organized centrally and in the states. They formally put into effect the new By-Laws for SRC -- a copy of which is in your files. They will meet again in late July.

TRAVEL AND CONSULTATION

The Court's decision on May 17th enormously stepped up the demand for service travel, and advice from us. Poor Harold Fleming has been worked almost to death trying to answer the demands of newspapers and magazines and the scores of legitimate inquirers who came South for the news. We have all been on broadcasts and television shows enough and a plenty. I have been out, of set purpose, to Oak Ridge, Tennessee; Anderson, South Carolina; Knoxville, Tennessee; and Greensboro, North Carolina; to counsel with local leadership on implementing the Court's decision.

In addition, we have carried along the normal amount of "Instituting" and week-long teaching what has been part of our steady year by year effort. I taught a group of CIO leaders from the lower South for a week at Lake Junaluska and taught, also, at an Institute sponsored by the American Friends Service Committee, held at

Guilford College for a week in June, and again at Howard University's Workshop on School Integration. Similar such programs are booked with the A. F. of L. group in Kentucky, the A. F. of L. for the Southeast and for the Southwest at two separate meetings, and possibly another CIO one coming up later on.

ANSWERS FOR ACTION

We have at the printer's, to come out in a few days time, our new pamphlet reviewing the Ashmore Report, printing the Court decision, and giving suggestions on things to do. The pamphlet will contain in colors a map showing distribution of white and Negro population by counties. The title of the booklet is Answers for Action. It is being clamored for and I think it can be a real contribution from the Council for an understanding of the decision and toward getting complying action.

WILLIAMSBURG CONFERENCE

In April, our Council was promised funds with which to bring together early in May a small conference of people in the South working at matters of this kind, with the view to preparing a list of things to be done toward getting compliance with whatever might be the Supreme Court's decision, and towards sorting these action programs into priorities. Twenty-three or four people were asked to a meeting in Williamsburg, Virginia, May 6, 7, 8, and 9th. It was not an SRC conference, but a conference of people from many agencies and just as private citizens.

One of the aims of the conference was to make available to bodies, which might be asked to finance programs in the South, the results of a careful review of projects by a group of Southern persons particularly informed in this area. The meeting was most fruitful and produced a report which while much condensed was considerable and meaty. We agreed on some 11 things to be got going right away; on four, portions of which should be started at once but other portions of which could wait until later; and on 9 things which should be started within a year or so; and on 5 long-range programs involving research which could be launched later on but which all thought would be very helpful. A full report of the Williamsburg Conference is available as a mimeographed document. Although it is not a public document, we will be glad to send it to any SRC Board member who may wish it.

Most of the things recommended at the Williamsburg Conference have already been gotten underway, either by the Council directly or by other agencies: Mrs. Tilly has put out, as a SRC leaflet, a review of Church teachings on the matter of compliance with the Court's decision, and a copy of this is enclosed. The leading women from the various Southern state Councils of Church Women have met here in Atlanta and have concerted their program. A proposed Conference of Business Men has been under discussion and moves toward organization. Various conversations have been held by teacher groups looking toward the availability of a service helpful in any nation-wide exchange of teachers that may become needful at a later stage. The Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith and the National Conference of Christians and Jews, Inc., have shown special interest in getting human relations instructions to teacher-training meetings this summer. One member of the SRC staff and one Board member made a special trip to New Orleans and got a leading member of the New Orleans Bar to begin exploration, with other lawyers, of the practicability of work from within the state Bar Associations looking toward building public opinion favorable with compliance to the decision.

Various of the older projects are being worked on as time affords.

ATTACKS ON SRC

The Council has been subjected to attacks from two quarters. The same Reverend Blake Craft who publishes at Clayton, Georgia, an odd sheet which he calls "One Methodist Voice" renewed, a couple of months ago, his charges that the SRC was pink-tinged; and a famous Georgia political figure, Roy Harris, has used his political weekly paper, The Augusta Courier, to carry in weekly issues similar and detailed charges. The press has not picked up these so obviously scurrilous items. Mr. Craft has had considerable difficulty with his own North Georgia Conference of the Methodist Church, and has just been tried and convicted by a Church court of various breaches of conduct and suspended for one year. Mr. Harris has been joined by the personal political organ of Mr. Herman Talmadge which, in a recent editorial, carried along the Harris line.

The burden of the charge seems to be that the Southern Regional Council is "in fact a successor to the Southern Conference for Human Welfare" and that we are a haven for "commies" and that some 38 persons "on our Board" (he makes no distinctions between persons now on the Board, or on the Board for a term or two, years back) have links with persons whose names can be traced in the files of the House Committee on UnAmerican Activities and elsewhere." The staff and our counsel and President, Marion Wright, have conferred repeatedly on the matter and have agreed on the best things to do and not to do anent the attacks.

Katherine Stoney, as Secretary-Treasurer, attaches a condensed financial report.

Generally speaking, the staff is encouraged about the prospects of permanent and effective organizations in the various states. That prospect will only be realized, however, if all of our friends, and most particularly our Board members, lend their time, advice, and friendly help to the major effort of getting energetic and wisely led state programs underway.

July 21, 1954

MEMORANDUM

TO: THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE
SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL

FROM: GEORGE S. MITCHELL, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
THE SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL

In addition to the important matters of policy to come before the members of the Committee July 30, the staff wishes now to lay before you a proposed reorganization of staff jobs.

The present By-Laws of the Council stipulate and describe as staff officers an Executive Director, an Associate Director, a Secretary-Treasurer, and Counsel.

The attached chart shows the new form of organization proposed.

The attached amendments to the By-Laws, if they should be passed by the annual meeting of the Southern Regional Council, November 10, 1954, would accomplish the suggested changes.

The proposed detailed duties of Assistant Directors are as follows:

Assistant Director for Information and Research

Prepare or supervise the preparation of all publications of the Council, including pamphlets, leaflets, and the Council's magazine New South. Supervise the research program of SRC and the maintenance of materials and clipping files, servicing of information requests, and fact-finding incident to the Council's program. Maintain contacts with the daily, weekly, and periodical press, and, upon occasion, to prepare and circulate news releases. Conduct negotiations with organs of opinion, including the press, radio, television, etc. Interview visiting journalists and other writers, and inform them on matters Southern and matters relating directly to SRC. In the absence of the Director to be responsible for the administration of the program of the Council.

Assistant Director for Program Development (Two persons)

Mainly through field travel, but also through correspondence and other means of communication, to be in touch with the movement underway in each of twelve Southern states to launch a permanent race relations organization. To advise and counsel with the leaders or members of these organizations, and in interviews to request the assistance and discover the attitude of various people influential in each state

believed to have an interest in matters which concern the Council. To be responsible, under the Executive Director, for all SRC contacts with certain or all of the state programs. To interpret to state personnel SRC policy and detailed arrangements; to assist state organizations in the selection of personnel; to supervise the performance of state organizations and their adherence to SRC policy.

Assistant Director for Program Planning

Using an extensive knowledge and experience of developmental community programs, and by virtue of wide familiarity with Southern problems and movements, to review all matters of program and policy; to advise the Executive Director, the Executive Committee, the Board, and all other staff members, in the coordination of program planning; and, upon assignment by the Executive Director, to supervise the execution by central office staff and state personnel of stated portions of SRC policy and program. Upon occasion, in the absence of the Executive Director, to be in charge of the Council's work as a whole. In occasional travel, to consult with field personnel and staff in other and related organizations in this general field, as to matters of program development and community relations.

The staff supposes that the suggested amendment to Article 6, Section 6, provides for flexibility in that the Executive Committee or the Southern Regional Council as a whole could from time to time amend the job descriptions of the Assistant Directors.

We send this matter out ahead of time in order to give ample opportunity for members of the Executive Committee to be familiar with the questions and thus make best use of the time of the meeting on July 30.

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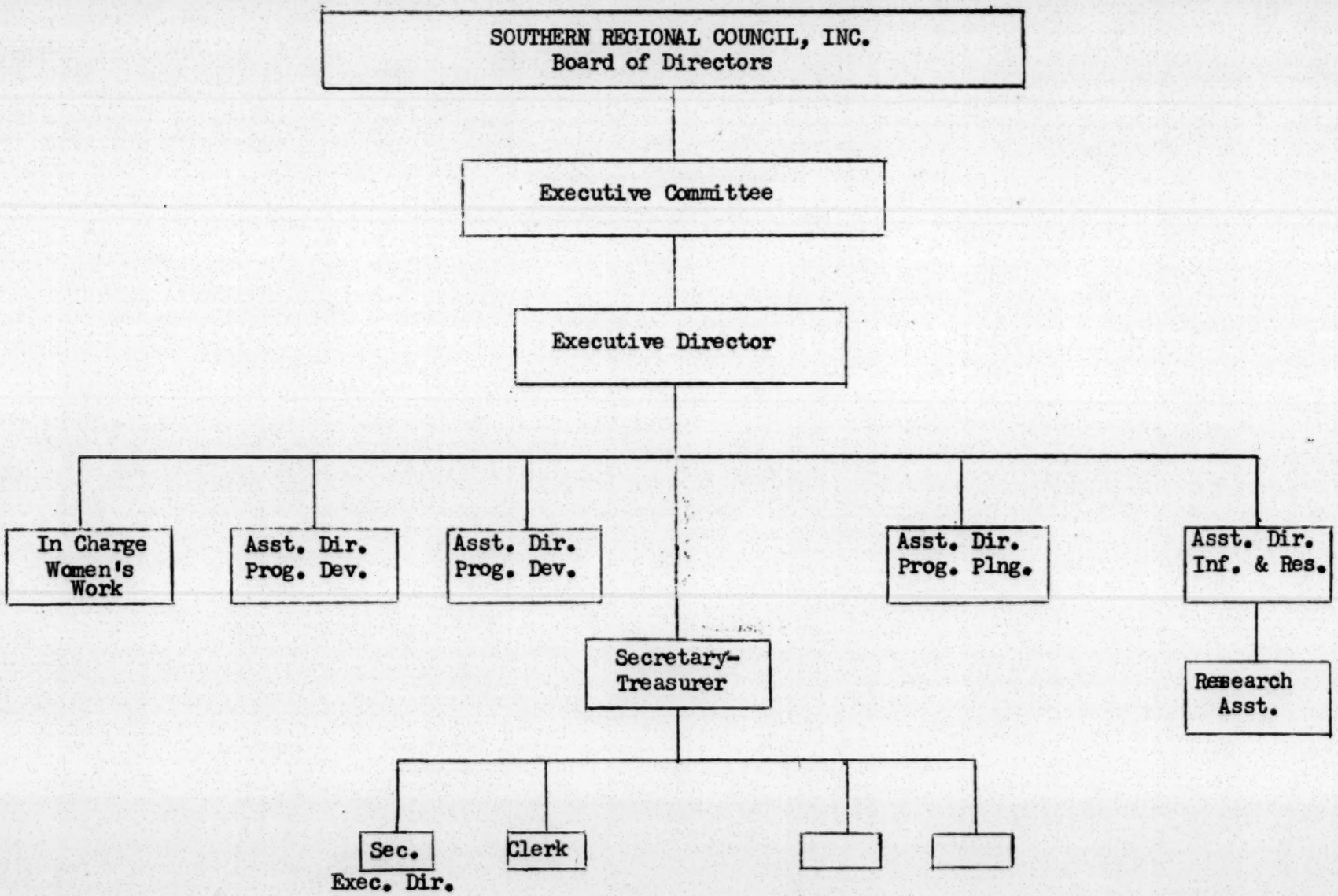
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Asst. Dir. Inf. & Res.
Research Asst.
Secretary-Treasurer
Sec. Exec. Dir.
Clerk

‡ See Alternates

SUGGESTED BY-LAWS FOR STATE AFFILIATES OF
THE SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL

ARTICLE I

Name

This organization is _____
an affiliate of the Southern Regional Council, Inc.

ARTICLE II

Purpose

Its purpose is to carry on in the state of _____ a program in agreement with the purposes of the Southern Regional Council; stated in its corporate charter as follows "to exist and function as an eleemosynary organization, and to maintain an organization for the improvement of economic, civic and racial conditions in the South, in the endeavor to promote a greater unity in the South in all efforts toward regional and racial development; to attain through research and action programs the ideals and practices which will result in the greatest good for all peoples in the region; to reduce race tensions; the basis for race tension, racial misunderstanding, and racial distrust; and to cooperate with local, state and regional agencies on all levels in the attainment of the desired objectives."

ARTICLE III

Membership

Section 1. Any person who is in accord with the purposes of the Southern Regional Council may become a member of _____ (name of organization) _____

Section 2. Dues. Annual dues shall be ___($5.00)_____, which shall include a subscription to the publication of the Southern Regional Council.

‡ARTICLE IV

Meetings

Section 1. There shall be a meeting of members annually for the transaction of business at such time and place as may be designated by the Executive Committee. Notice of the meeting should be given not less than 30 days before the meeting.

Section 2. Special Meetings. Special meetings may be called by the Chairman or by the Executive Board at any time. Notice of every special meeting shall state the time and place of meeting, the business to be transacted, and it shall be delivered to each member at least ten days before such meeting.

Section 3. Quorum. Those present shall constitute a quorum at membership meetings of the organization.

ARTICLE V

Officers

The officers of the organization shall be a chairman, two vice-chairmen, treasurer, executive secretary, and associate executive secretary. They shall do the customary work of these offices. All except the executive secretaries shall be unpaid. The chairman, vice-chairmen and treasurer shall be elected by the Executive Board each year within two weeks after the election of the Executive Board.

ARTICLE VI

Executive Board

The affairs of the organization between membership meetings shall be in charge of an Executive Board. The Board shall consist of 15 to 30 members, serving three year terms, except that one-third of the first board shall serve only one year and one-third shall serve only two years.

The first Executive Board shall be elected at the first membership meeting, after adoption of these By-Laws. Thereafter one-third shall be elected at each annual membership meeting, or by a mail ballot prior to the meeting, as the board may determine. Nominations for the exact number of vacancies or a larger number shall be made by the board. Additional nominations may be made upon petition of any ten members filed with the executive secretary two weeks before the annual membership meeting.

The Board may fill vacancies between annual membership meetings. Terms of Board members so appointed shall expire at the next regular election.

The Executive Board shall meet every three months or more often as it may determine. Special meetings may be called by the chairman and shall be called upon written request of five Board members.

The chairman, and one other member of the Executive Board elected by the Executive Board, shall be ex-officio members of the Southern Regional Council, Inc.

ARTICLE VII

Committees

The Executive Board shall appoint a Finance Committee whose duty shall be to aid the Executive Board in fund-raising for the support of the organization. Other permanent or temporary committees shall be appointed by the chairman upon authorization of the Executive Board. At the discretion of the chairman, non-members may be asked to serve.

ARTICLE VIII

Executive Staff

The executive secretary and associate executive secretary shall be selected by the Executive Board. The executive staff shall carry out the program of the organization, interpret the program to the communities of the state and assume other

normal functions. They shall keep all records and present such reports as are required by the Executive Board and the Southern Regional Council. The executive staff shall be members without vote of the Executive Board.

ARTICLE IX

Amendments

These By-Laws may be amended at any annual meeting of the members or in any special meeting called for that purpose, by a majority of members present, but no such amendment shall become valid until after written approval of it has been given by the Southern Regional Council as hereinafter provided in Article X.

ARTICLE X

Affiliations

The organization may become an affiliate of the Southern Regional Council upon conditions prescribed by the Council as follows:

By-Laws of the organization and any amendments of By-Laws must be approved in writing on behalf of the Southern Regional Council; executive staff employed by the organization must be approved by the Southern Regional Council prior to employment; salary checks for all executive staff employed by the organization shall be sent from the Southern Regional Council so long as the organization is substantially assisted by the Southern Regional Council; bookkeeping and program reports of the organization shall be in accordance with requirements of the Southern Regional Council; the purpose and program of the organization and provisions for membership in the organization must conform to requirements of the Southern Regional Council, Inc. as stated in Articles II, and III; and no substantial part of the activities shall be carrying on propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation. In the event of dissolution or disaffiliation of the organization, so much of the property as was secured with the aid of the Southern Regional Council, shall be at the disposition of the Southern Regional Council.

ALTERNATES

ARTICLE IV

Meetings

There shall be meetings of members and non-members at such times and places as may be arranged by the executive staff for the conduct of educational programs in line with the organization's purpose and approved by the Executive Board of the organization.

ARTICLE VI

Executive Board

The affairs of the organization shall be in charge of an Executive Board. The Board shall consist of 15 to 30 members serving three year terms, except that one-third of the first Board shall serve only one year and one-third shall serve only

two years. The first Board shall be elected after adoption of these By-Laws, and election may occur by mail ballot.

Thereafter one-third shall be elected annually by the Executive Board. The Board may fill vacancies as they occur.

The Executive Board shall meet every three months or more often as it may determine. Special meetings may be called by the chairman and shall be called upon written request of five Board members.

The chairman and one other member of the Executive Board elected by the Board shall be ex-officio members of the Southern Regional Council, Inc.

ARTICLE IX

Amendments

These By-Laws may be amended at any meeting of the Executive Board by a majority of Board members present, but no such amendment shall become valid until after written approval of it has been given by the Southern Regional Council as hereinafter provided in Article X.

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September 10, 1954

TO OUR NEAREST AND BEST FRIENDS, OUR MEMBERS:

Greetings:

There have been various changes in the structure of the Southern Regional Council. We would like to explain it all in this letter.

You will have heard that last April the Fund for the Republic undertook substantial new assistance to SRC. We asked them for the money in order to make possible the employment of professional staff by twelve active Southern state-wide organizations in the field of race relations.

The membership meeting of the Southern Regional Council on May 14, 1953, authorized a change in the By-Laws which would enable persons, presently members of the Council, to be members directly (and only) of state organizations affiliated with the Council. These new By-Laws were made effective by the Executive Committee on April 6, 1954. Therefore, as soon as your state organization is in working order, your membership will be transferred to it. The new state programs are designed to give you greater opportunity to work together within each state toward common objectives.

It is expected that the members in each state will choose a Board or Executive Committee, which will employ and closely direct the staff personnel. The main condition which is attached to the aid from this office to each state organization is the determination to move toward a self-sustaining organization. During the next three years, it will be necessary for each state to raise substantial contributions towards its own budget. Assistance to the states from the central office will be on a diminishing scale.

In the first year, the state organization must raise a minimum of $1,800.00; in the second year, $3,500.00; and in the third year, $6,500.00. Your total state budget may be what you please, but SRC's contribution towards it for the first year will be about $13,000.00 per state.

The Southern Regional Council itself, under the new By-Laws, becomes a Board of Directors electing its officers and Executive Committee, and directing the central office staff. Each state organization is entitled to have on the Southern Regional Council's Board, its chairman and one other person elected by the state organization.

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TO OUR FRIENDS - The members of the Georgia Committee on Interracial Cooperation

TO PRESENT MEMBERS OF THE SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL IN GEORGIA

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Thus, in Georgia, those of you who have been members of the Southern Regional Council will shortly have your membership transferred to the Georgia Committee on Interracial Cooperation, which continues to be affiliated with the Council. All present and new members of the Georgia Interracial Committee will now be in touch with developments of concern to the entire region through New South and other publications of the Council. Membership in the state organizations will carry with it subscription to New South.

The Georgia Interracial Committee continues with its present Executive Committee and officers. It has employed as the new Secretary Mr. Guy Wells, formerly of Georgia State College for Women at Milledgeville.

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Program for the Georgia Interracial Committee will be your own matter, providing that its work is strictly non-political and is within the general purposes of the Southern Regional Council. We assume that each state organization will wish to give priority to the implementation of the Supreme Court decision on public schools.

The names and addresses of the officers of the Georgia Interracial Committee are attached. They will keep in touch with you and will count upon your continued interest and cooperation in making and carrying out the state's program.

Yours cordially,

George S. Mitchell

George S. Mitchell,
Executive Director

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GEORGIA COMMITTEE ON INTERRACIAL COOPERATION
63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta, Georgia

For Sunday Newspapers, October 17 1954

Dr. Guy H. Wells, former president of Georgia State College for Women in Milledgeville, has been named executive secretary of the Georgia Committee on Interracial Cooperation. The appointment was announced by the Rev. Dr. George E. Clary, Sr., of the South Georgia Conference of the Methodist Church, chairman of the Georgia Committee.

Dr. Wells, who was president of GSCW from 1934 to 1953, is a consultant on education for the U. S. State Department's Foreign Operations Administration. He has recently completed a year's assignment in Libya under the Point Four program.

The Georgia Committee on Interracial Cooperation, which was founded in 1919, works for improved race relations through local chapters and individual members throughout the state. It is the Georgia affiliate of the Southern Regional Council, which services and coordinates the work of state interracial groups in the South.

Mrs. M. E. Tilly, formerly executive secretary of the Georgia Committee, is now director of women's work for the Southern Regional Council.

Officers of the Georgia Committee, in addition to Dr. Clary, are Dr. B. R. Brazeal, dean of Morehouse College, first vice-chairman; Dr. J. McDowell Richards, president of Columbia Theological Seminary of Decatur, second vice-chairman; Mrs. J. W. E. Bowen, church and civic leader, secretary; and Mr. L. D. Milton, president of the Citizens Trust Company of Atlanta, treasurer.

In announcing Dr. Wells' appointment, Dr. Clary released a brief biographical summary, a copy of which is attached.

Dr. Guy H. Wells

Biographical Sketch

It is likely that no other man in Georgia has given more years to the service of his state than Dr. Guy H. Wells, former president of Georgia State College for Women in Milledgeville, who is now executive secretary of the Georgia Committee on Interracial Cooperation, a group organized to work with the race problem in Georgia in 1919.

A fifth generation Georgian and a ninth generation Southerner, Dr. Wells has served the cause of education for many years, from teaching a one-room rural school to being president of two of the state's most important colleges. He was principal of schools at Lumpkin, Richland, Donalson and Eastman. For nine years he was president of Georgia Teachers College at Statesboro, and for twenty years president of the Georgia State College for Women. He has served as president of the Georgia Education Association, and was the organizing president of the Georgia Association of School Administrators. For some years he has been a member of the Board of Managers of the Georgia Congress of Parents and Teachers. He is a native of Carroll County.

He is an active member of the Baptist Church and has been a member of the board of deacons in most of the Georgia communities where he has worked. He was chairman of the board of deacons of the Milledgeville Baptist Church and chairman of the building committee under whose leadership a magnificent new church was recently erected there.

He has served as district governor of Rotary and president of the Milledgeville Rotary Club. When he was abroad working on educational programs in Europe he spoke before Rotary Clubs in England and on the Continent. He worked with the Georgia Rotary in the project that brought foreign students here to get a better understanding of the democratic way of life and had a number of these students on his campus.

Besides his work for the government in Europe Dr. Wells spent a year just recently in North Africa where he worked as a consultant in education in Libya--under the Point Four plan. He is still a part-time consultant on education for the State Department's Foreign Operations Administration.

Dr. Wells is one of the most widely known educators in America. He is known to thousands of students whom he has taught or who attended the colleges he has headed. A fellow educator said of him, on hearing of the new work in which he is engaged: "One can always count on Guy Wells being on the right side of every moral question".

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MEMORANDUM

To: Executives of State Organizations Affiliated with SRC

From: Mrs. Grace T. Hamilton, Assistant for Program

We enclose for your information a release from the President's Committee on Government Contracts which defines the responsibility of the Committee. You may receive upon request the monthly NEWSLETTER which reports activities of the Committee. The March issue of the NEWSLETTER reports that

(1) Executive Order 10557 specified that the non-discrimination clause must be included in all Federal contracts.

(2) On January 13, 1955 the Committee issued an exemption authorizing agencies to omit the requirement that the non-discrimination notice be posted from contracts where the amounts involved were less than $5,000.00.

(3) At its January meeting the Committee denied a request from the Department of the Interior to exempt a contract which the Bureau of Indian Affairs wished to make with the State of Mississippi from the requirement to include the non-discrimination clause. The Department stated that Mississippi had refused to sign a contract containing the non-discrimination clause. The exemption was denied on the grounds that it would not be in the national interest to do so.

(4) There is no central list of government contracts available. However, the Department of Commerce issues a bulletin, "Synopsis of U.S. Government Proposed Procurement, Sales and Contract Awards." All instances of discrimination in employment may be brought to the attention of the President's Committee on Government Contracts. The Committee will determine whether or not the industry cited in the complaint has a contract with the Federal Government.

The following questions might be considered by groups which have an interest in halting the waste resulting from discriminatory employment practices.

1. Who has contracts in a given community? A survey could be made to determine the location of defense plants and industries with government contracts.

2. Is the directive being followed in the industries with contracts?

   Is the required notice of non-discrimination in employment prominently posted?

3. What is the extent of public knowledge of the Committee's responsibility?

4. What other agencies and organizations are interested in this matter?

   What are the possibilities for cooperating with Urban Leagues of American Friends Service Committee Job Opportunities Projects, other organized groups?

You may receive further copies of "Equal Job Opportunity is Good Business" and the other materials enclosed bearing on economic opportunities from the Southern Regional Council.

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Equal Job Opportunity is Good Business
Business Week Reprint (12/18/54) - Negro Income
New South - Oct.-Nov. 1953

A SUMMARY OF STATE CONFERENCE ACTIVITIES
as of May 1, 1955

White House Conference on Education

All of the fifty-three States and Territories urged to hold State conferences in preparation for the White House Conference have notified the White House Conference Committee of some official action taken.

Florida, Texas and Virginia have indicated they will use State funds to finance their conferences.

The following Southern States have scheduled conferences:

Kentucky	September 21-22	Louisville
Tennessee	September 13-14	Nashville

A STATUS REPORT OF STATE CONFERENCE ACTIVITIES

Committee for the
White House Conference on Education

State	Chairman Designated
Alabama*	Hon. Austin R. Meadows Superintendent of Education State Department of Education Montgomery 4 On April 26 approximately 550 people representing various statewide organizations met to discuss educational problems in Alabama and to determine how the White House Conference program can tie into the work they are to do. A meeting of the 28-member Planning Committee will be held on May 11 at Montgomery to make plans for the State and community conferences.
Arkansas*	Hon. A.W. Ford Commissioner of Education State Department of Education Little Rock A pre-planning group of 12 people met on April 6 at Little Rock and formed a 21-member Steering Committee, which includes the members of the pre-planning group. Mr. Lee Roy Beasley, former State comptroller, has been designated as chairman of

* States which have applied for funds.

the Steering Committee. He will select 19 more persons to serve on the Committee, making a total of 40 members. Dr. A.R. Ford, State Commissioner of Education, is the conference chairman. Subcommittees will conduct studies of each topic suggested by the White House Conference meeting of the Steering Committee on May 6.

Florida

Hon. Thomas D. Bailey
Superintendent of Public Instruction
State Department of Public Education
Tallahassee

The biennial session of the Florida Legislature will continue through early July. Until that time, plans for a State conference, to be held in the late summer or early fall, will be postponed. Florida will use State funds to finance its conference.

Georgia

Mr. George P. Whitman, Jr.
Chairman, State Board of Education
State Office Building
Atlanta 3

Mr. George P. Whitman, Jr., chairman of the State Board of Education and of the School Building Authority, has been designated as chairman of the 29-member Planning Committee recently appointed by Governor Griffin.

Kentucky*

Dr. Philip Davidson
President, University of Louisville
Louisville

The Planning Committee will hold its third meeting at Frankfort on May 9 to make further plans for 15 regional conferences to be held prior to the State conference tentatively scheduled for September 21-22 at Louisville.

Louisiana*

Hon. Shelby M. Jackson
Superintendent of Public Education
State Department of Education
Baton Rouge 4

The Planning Committee has been appointed and will begin organization of the State conference, to be held during the week of September 26, after the State Legislature holds its fiscal session in May.

Mississippi*

Hon. J.M. Tubb
Superintendent of Public Education
State Department of Education
Jackson

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Miss. (cont'd.) An advisory committee of 12 members appointed a subcommittee to draw up suggested plans and procedures for consideration by a full State advisory committee of 30 members, yet to be appointed. The suggested plan calls for 6 regional conferences, each to be attended by about 125 delegates. Between 300 and 400 persons will be invited to the State conference, most of whom will have been delegates at the regional meetings. The State conference is scheduled for late August or early September.

North Carolina* Hon. Charles F. Carroll
Superintendent of Public Instruction
State Department of Public Instruction
Raleigh

Conference planning will begin after the adjournment of the present session of the State Legislature.

South Carolina* Mr. John H. Martin
Chairman, South Carolina Conference on Education
Hartsville

The six subcommittees, which were appointed to conduct studies of the six problem areas suggested by the White House Conference Committee, will meet two or three times before reporting to the State committee in May. The subcommittees will hold further meetings before making reports to the State Committee at a third meeting in June. From 400-500 persons will be invited to the State conference to be held during late July or early August. Plans for six regional conferences, one for each congressional district, were made at the First meeting of the Committee on March 31.

Tennessee* Dr. A.D. Holt
Vice-President
University of Tennessee
Knoxville

The recently appointed 21-member Planning Committee held its first meeting on April 26. The committee members, who represent statewide organizations, were asked to keep their organizations informed of all conference developments. Dr. Quill E. Cope, Commissioner of Education and vice-chairman of the conference, has been directed to assign research projects for each topic on the agenda to staff members of the Department of Education. The staff will prepare reports for the consideration of the conference, to be held September 13-14 at Nashville.

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Texas - - - - - - - - - -

Further conference plans will be postponed until after the announcement of the Governor's appointment of a conference chairman and committee. Texas will use State funds to finance its conference.

Virginia

Hon. Dowell J. Howard
Superintendent of Public Instruction
State Board of Education
Richmond 16

The conference will be held in August at Richmond. Virginia will use State funds to finance its conference.

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MEMORANDUM

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FROM: Grace T. Hamilton
Assistant for Program

The attached is a survey of Southern states' activities with regard to the White House Conference on Education. Your Executive and/or Program Planning Committee may be considering ways in which this Conference -- and preparatory work in your state -- can further the interests of full educational opportunity. The Executive Committee of your state may wish to consider the following questions:

Is the state committee representative of all the state's population?

Are the interests of all parts of the population being considered in the planning of state conferences?

What groups are involved in preparing information for use in the state's conference? For use by the White House conference?

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A fifth generation Georgian and a ninth generation Southerner, Dr. Wells has served the cause of education for many years, from teaching a one-room rural school to being president of two of the state's most important colleges. He was principal of schools at Lumpkin, Richland, Donalson and Eastman. For nine years he was president of Georgia Teachers College at Statesboro, and for twenty years president of the Georgia State College for Women. He has served as president of the Georgia Education Association, and was the organizing president of the Georgia Association of School Administrators. For some years he has been a member of the Board of Managers of the Georgia Congress of Parents and Teachers. He is a native of Carroll County.

He is an active member of the Baptist Church and has been a member of the board of deacons in most of the Georgia communities where he has worked. He was chairman of the board of deacons of the Milledgeville Baptist Church and chairman of the building committee under whose leadership a magnificent new church was recently erected there.

He has served as district governor of Rotary and president of the Milledgeville Rotary Club. When he was abroad working on educational programs in Europe he spoke before Rotary Clubs in England and on the Continent. He worked with the Georgia Rotary in the project that brought foreign students here to get a better understanding of the democratic way of life and had a number of these students on his campus.

Besides his work for the government in Europe Dr. Wells spent a year just recently in North Africa where he worked as a consultant in education in Libya--under the Point Four plan. He is still a part-time consultant on education for the State Department's Foreign Operations Administration.

Dr. Wells is one of the most widely known educators in America. He is known to thousands of students whom he has taught or who attended the colleges he has headed. A fellow educator said of him, on hearing of the new work in which he is engaged: "One can always count on Guy Wells being on the right side of every moral question".

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SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL

toward the South of the future

Southern Regional Council, Inc.

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An organization of Southerners of both races working together in the interest of all the people of the South.

how it began

As the successor of the Southwide Commission on Interracial Cooperation, the Southern Regional Council goes back, in friendship and reputation, to 1919. A group of leading Southerners representing both races, many occupations, all faiths and denominations, met in 1943 to discuss the problems and promise of the region. They decided that a strong new regional organization was needed, in which Southerners themselves could join together in a cooperative effort to solve their common problems. The result was the Southern Regional Council.

how it works

• ***Through a regional office*** in Atlanta, which services state organizations and carries on Southwide activities under the direction of its membership and executive committee. Its officers and members are drawn from church leaders of many denominations, businessmen, educators, labor leaders, outstanding men and women in the professions.

• ***Through affiliated organizations*** in 12 Southern States, each of which has its own membership, governing board, officers, and staff. Within the coming months, these state organizations will provide each Southern State with a full-time human relations service, available to both public officials and private citizens, maintained and directed by local leadership. The states included are Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, and Virginia.

The Southern Regional Council and affiliated state organizations are non-profit, non-political and non-denominational.

what it does

• Through careful study, collects the facts about our region's health, housing, education, law enforcement, and other public services. Makes the facts and their significance widely available through pamphlets, newspapers, radio, television, and speakers.

• Publishes a monthly bulletin—*New South*—which provides editors, students, and public-minded citizens with timely, authentic information on developments in the region.

• Assists state organizations in planning and carrying out programs suited to local need.

• Advises private and official agencies through both the regional office and state organizations.

• Through state staff, works in the community with civic clubs, church groups, labor organizations, and others to find democratic solutions to local problems.

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the South of the future

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what you can do

The Southern Regional Council is based firmly on the belief that the problems of the Southern Region may best be attacked by Southerners who are willing to admit the South's shortcomings and join together in a constructive effort to overcome them.

There is no room for narrow sectionalism in such a program. The Council welcomes support and understanding from all sincere individuals and organizations, wherever they may be found. However, general membership—which is available in the state organizations—is limited to persons living in the South.

Here is how you can play your part in this forward-looking effort:

• If you live in the South, join your state affiliate of the Southern Regional Council. This entitles you to receive NEW SOUTH and other publications of the regional office.

• If you live elsewhere, enroll as an Associate of the Southern Regional Council. This entitles you to receive all regular and special publications of the Council.

Fill out and mail the application blank on the back of this page.

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he measure of a man will be his ability, not his race; where
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d; where, above all, every individual will enjoy a full share
recognition of his creation in the image of God.

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what they say

About the Southern Regional Council

"A spokesman for the area's best traditions of tolerance, humanity, dignity and freedom."

—ASHEVILLE CITIZEN

"An able and worthwhile organization working in the field of racial relations. It has no radical tinge, but is, nevertheless, an aggressively energetic coordinating agency."

—RALPH MCGILL

"The sanest and best-informed Southwide organization dealing with race relations."

—VIRGINUS DABNEY

"The SRC is unique in a number of heartening directions. It is bi-racial, non-denominational and non-political. It does not engage in tom-tom beating, parades, or lengthy *pronunciamentos* slanted for non-Southern consumption and approval. But it is not an isolationist effort to separate the South's problems from the nation's—or from the nation's concern."

—HODDING CARTER

"Progress can surely be made if liberals, North and South, will sit down and reason together along the lines this group suggests."

—NEW YORK TIMES

"A voice from the informed and moderate South."

—CHRISTIAN SCIENCE MONITOR

"Southerners directly interested in the welfare of their own section."

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"The Council has put out a notable series of studies in Southern life and needs."

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"One of the best sources for materials on the South today."

—CURRENT EVENTS

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SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL

Report to Board of Directors for Year 1953

Not a bad year for the Council; certainly one in which we have been useful. Our programs reached down to grass roots; our finances have been better than in the recent past; and we have prepared for a substantial reorganization in structure. Weaknesses have been in membership and in a comparative inactivity of several of the State Divisions.

Programs

At the beginning of the year, we were still active in getting circulation of the 1952 pamphlet RACE AND LAW ENFORCEMENT and in getting attention to its doctrine of considerate and equal treatment by police officers. Mrs. M. E. Tilly and the Fellowship of the Concerned labored mightily to get this idea across in local communities. The device was to get local committees of church women to take the pamphlet to their sheriff or chief of police and talk with him about putting its policies into effect. The last count on committees making such visits on which we have record was as follows:

ALABAMA	DeKalb, Barbour, Macon.
FLORIDA	Volusia, Broward.
GEORGIA	Walker, Whitfield, Chattoga, Gordon, Cherokee, Fannin, Lumpkin, Rabun, Hall, Barrow, Gwinnett, Walton, DeKalb, Fulton, Clayton, Cobb, Coweta, Troup, Meriweather, Upson, Harris, Greene, McDuffie, Richmond, Schley, Sumter, Evans, Dougherty, Tift, Bacon, Seminole, Brooks, Clinch, Dooly.
KENTUCKY	Campbell, Carter, Boyd, Pike, Perry, Franklin, Mercer, Hardin, Taylor, Adair, Jefferson, Simpson, Henderson Webster, Meade, Hopkins, Christian, Livingston, Boyle, Montgomery, Edmonson.
MISSISSIPPI	Union, Sunflower, Grenada, Carroll, Madison, Scott, Smith, Simpson, Panola, Copiah, Clairborne, Walthall, Forrest.
NORTH CAROLINA	Cabarrus, Rowan, Orange, Mecklengurg, Chatham, Caswell, Alamance, Durham, Vance, Wayne, Pitt, Onslow, Columbus.
SOUTH CAROLINA	Dorchester, Edgefield, Laurens, Anderson, Pickens, Lexington, Richland, Beaumont.
TENNESSEE	Sullivan, Jefferson, Cumberland, Prentiss, Smith, Robertson, Dandson, Williamson, Maury, Marshall, Giles, Lwwrence, Montgomery, Humpreys, Dyer, Gibson, Lauderdale, Shelby.
VIRGINIA	Scott, Lee, Wise, Dickerson, Grayson, Tazewell, Wythe, Pulaski, Staunton, Nottoway, Rappahannock, Fairfax, Accomiac, Northampton.

REPORT for 1953

LOUISIANA Grant, Rapides.

TEXAS Harris.

This activity continues and reports of visits in additional counties and cities are still coming in.

Besides the personal visits, we contrived a very considerable use of the pamphlets by organizations and individuals. A total of 21,000 copies were printed and all but a remaining stock of 2,000 have been distributed, nearly all to actual purchasers.

The annual round-up in September on the use of Negro police in Southern communities revealed sharp growth over 1952. The totals were as follows for September, 1953:

13 States, 112 Cities and 18 Counties now employ a total of 545 Uniformed Policemen, 87 Plainclothesmen and 90 Policewomen.

Each year the sheriffs and chiefs who complete our questionnaire have been more generous and cooperative in their voluntary comments. We printed a good selection of the 1952 comments in the October-November NEW SOUTH.

Meeting of Human Relations Agencies

One meeting of Southern organizations concerned with human relations was held in the spring of this year. The topic was the schools and segregation. Among those represented were:

Job Opportunities Program, American Friends Service Committee - Texas
Southeast Anti-Defamation League
FHA Race Relations Advisor
Fellowship of Southern Churchmen
National Council of Churches
Alabama Division, Southern Regional Council
Southeast Office, NAACP
Birmingham Office, NAACP
Atlanta Office, Southern Regional Council
Catholic Committee of the South

The body made plans for a concerted additional effort in the South during the remainder of 1952.

Recreation Fact Finding

The Council compiled, by correspondence with State Park Commissions, an accurate comparison of facilities available to white and Negro citizens. This will be published at an early date.

Library Facilities

A similar survey was made on this question and the facts as found will be printed in the January, 1954 issue of NEW SOUTH.

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The Schools and the Courts

This has been our main job. We began the year with the hope that special funds could be found for putting paid personnel into each State and backing their work with help from private committees, state by state, which would in some sense parallel the existing but almost entirely white state school boards. For lack of funds, we had to come down to selection within each state of a state school volunteer who would keep careful record of developments as to segregation and discrimination in school matters and would be available for advice and help to the Council centrally and to a variety of organizations in each state. Selections of this kind have been made for New Orleans, Texas, South Carolina, Kentucky, Alabama, Mississippi, Tennessee, Florida and Virginia. Some of these volunteers or alternates to them were specially trained for a week in East Tennessee during which they had the benefit of conferences with Irene Osborne of the Community Relations Project of the American Friends Service Committee in Washington - the group which to date has had the most instructive experience in getting a committee ready for unsegregated schools.

Those who came to the East Tennessee meeting thought that the most helpful thing that could be done would be to encourage throughout the South local discussion groups, preferably interracial, which would explore the whole issue of the pending decisions and would, in many cases, go on to fact-finding about present differences between the white and Negro schools in their communities. In order to fill this need, the Council staff in Atlanta prepared for publication, in September and October, two pamphlets, the first called QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS - The Schools and the Courts - and the second a CHECK LIST for your LOCAL SCHOOLS. We have been busy ever since in working out distribution of the two pamphlets and in encouraging local discussion groups.

The sale of the pamphlets, particularly of the QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS, has been amazing and gratifying. Here is a list of some of the more important orders which have been filled:

National Board of YWCA - 1550
National Council of Negro Women - 50
CIO - 700
Kentucky Press Association - 180
Connecticut College Bookshop - 195
AF of L - 1000
Board of Church Extension, Presbyterian Church - 4,100
Presbyterian Church Board of Women's Work - 300
National Council, Protestant Episcopal Church - 200
Mississippi State Department of Education - 2,000
Kentucky School Board Association - 235
Tulsa, Oklahoma, Council of Churches - 100
Committee on Christian Social Action, Evangelical & Reformed Church - 100
Dept. of Social Welfare, Disciples of Christ - 1,100
American Council on Human Relations - 200
Greenville, South Carolina, YWCA - 100
Dept. of Race Relations, American Missionary Association - 500

Women's Division of Christian Service, Methodist Church - 1,000
Christian Life Commission, Southern Baptist Convention - 250
CCJ, New York - 100
Board of Education, Methodist Churhh- 550
Butler Street Y M C A, Atlanta - 100
Board of Home Missions, Congregational Church - 100
Morehouse College, Atlanta - 200
Virginia Council of Churches - 200
American Friends Service Committee, Greensboro, N. C. - 100
American Friends Service Committee, Philadelphia - 100
American Friends Service Committee, Washington - 250
The American Jewish Committee - 100
North Carolina Council of Churches - 100
Anti-Defamation League - B'nai B'rith - New York - 500
Mississippi Division, Southern Regional Council - 200
Georgia Teachers & Education Association, Atlanta - 2500
Reverend Stephen Mackey, Charleston, S. C. - 100
Kentucky State Teachers Association - 400
Race Relations Institute, Fisk University, Nashville - 150
North Carolina Division of Southern Regional Council,
to members of local school boards - 250
Students at Southern Labor School, A F L, Oklahoma City - 50

This distribution really means that one or both of the pamphlets have reached organizationally responsible leaders in all the leading religious groups, Negro teachers in many of the Southern states, the leading trade union groups and a wide variety of other citizens and professional organizations. We have not had many orders from groups of white teachers but we were at pains to send the pamphlet to the officials of each Southern state educational association. All in all, QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS has had a wider and a faster distribution than any publication the Council has ever got out. We are at present in our 5th printing, making a total of 34,000. The CHECK LIST has gone to 11,000.

We have no means of knowing accurately how many local discussion groups have used the pamphlet but we do know of scores of such groups and suppose that what with school and college debates and luncheon club occasions and informal gatherings, the number has been quite good. By and large, we think that the South has taken the prospect of a strong decision with more calm and more constructive thought than most people would have supposed and it would seem reasonable to believe that the astonishing distribution of QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS has had something to do with the South's generally good attitude.

Meeting of Church Women Leaders

In October Mrs. Tilly convened for the Fellowship of the Concerned a meeting of Church women leaders from all over the Southeast, to work out plans for bringing about ready acceptance of the Court opinion. More than fifty persons were present, widely representative of the principal religious groups in the area. Much of what has been accomplished since then with distribution of QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS and the CHECK LIST, and in getting local groups formed, has been due to the effective work of these leaders in religious organizations.

Among the direct compliments we have seen about the pamphlet are the following:

From the Librarian of the U. S. Supreme Court: "It would be appreciated if you will send us, for official use of this Court, a copy of your publication 'Schools and the Courts.'" (We did!)

Robert K. Walsh, News Department, The Washington Evening Star: "I had a fleeting glance today at your Council's booklet 'The Schools and the Courts.' It struck me as one of the most informative and objective summaries of the subject, and I should like very much to have one for my own use...."

Concern, Methodist youth publication: "Perhaps the best brief summary of the subject, with forecasts of what may follow the decision...."

The Richmond News Leader: "We have been hearing much favorable comment on the booklet your Council has published on the question of segregation in public schools. Would you be good enough to send me two copies for the school reporters to keep in their files here in our office?"

Washington Newsletter, the American Friends Service Committee: "A new pamphlet, 'Questions and Answers: The Schools and the Courts', published by Southern Regional Council, presents an exceptionally clear consideration of the questions most often asked about the current court cases and their importance for the southern school situation...."

Telegram from Bert Struby, executive editor, The Macon (Ga.) Telegraph: "Your pamphlet 'The Schools and the Courts' excellently done. Would like to run questions and answers in series form in the Telegraph...."

Interracial News Service, publication of the National Council of Churches: "... an informative pamphlet, just off the press...."

Social Action Notes, publication of the National Catholic Welfare Conference: "... An invaluable study outline for discussion groups on the subject of segregation in the public schools...."

Cooperation from the National Council of Churches

In October, the National Council of Churches in the USA assigned to the SRC for a two weeks experimental period, Reverend William C. Vastine, from the Chicago office of the National Council, to travel as a representative of the SRC and promote local discussion groups. We placed him in

Kentucky. His experiences were of the greatest interest. He spent most of the time in such small communities as Shelbyville, Frankfort, Simpsonville, Hodgenville and Danville; but found time also to explore in Louisville and Lexington. In each community, his procedure was to seek out, on advance information, appropriate local church leaders, and, pamphlet in hand, urge them to organize local discussion groups on the issue. It was queer to see how uniform was the pattern of response --person after person who had felt concern but had taken no active steps, welcomed the pamphlet and undertook to get a local study group started.

This experience was so valuable that the National Council has undertaken to send us another representative for a period in January, 1954. The Council itself will use Mr. C. H. Parrish of Louisville for most of January, 1954 on travel of this kind and tenative plans are made with the National Council of Churches for the assignment of several additional field representatives to take up this task.

Obviously, what is greatly needed at this juncture is field people to bring to a head in local communities the anxiety of citizens to understand the issues and to reach an agreement on suitable things to do. If the Council itself had the means we could extend this almost endlessly.

Negroes on School Boards

The whole experience with this educational effort on public opinion has led us to the conclusion that a clear next step for the whole South is to move much further quickly with the appointment and election of representative Negro persons to local and state school boards. The communities which have presently or lately had experience with this are as follows:

Atlanta, Ga.
Augusta, Ga.
Darlington, S. C.
Lynchburg, Va.
Newport News, Va.
Richmond, Va.
Roanoke, Va.
Knoxville, Tenn.
Nashville, Tenn.
Raleigh, N. C.
San Antonio, Tex.

STATE SCHOOL BOARDS:
Kentucky and North Carolina

The only existing device at the moment for deciding the degree of inequalities in school systems is the lawsuit. A case is made, funds are collected and mimeographed arithmetic is piled in great stacks before a judge. One stack says the schools are unequal and another stack says they are not or are almost equal. By the time the judge has given his decision, the schools, a living institution, have moved out from under the piles of arithmetic. Also, the community, at a time when it most needs cooperation and understanding, has been divided in the partisanship of the lawsuit. It is absurd to suppose that the Negro population of the South can receive in good faith the statements, decisions and acts of school boards one hundred per cent Caucasian. We are trying to get the experiences of the communities which have opened their school boards described and we suppose that during the early part of 1954 a real campaign can be developed to correct this no longer tolerable injustice in the conduct of a crucial public institution.

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Our Information Service

We have been busier than in any previous year in answering inquiries from the general public on the facts as to discrimination and progress in the South. Our files are by no means as complete as we would like and with such limited clerical resources it is hard to fill these demands responsibly. Anna Holden, as Research Assistant, has performed wonders in attempting to answer all inquiries. We are besieged by debaters in the most remote places and a wide variety of church groups and citizens and professional organizations have turned to the Council for the experiences of other communities.

Speaking Engagements

Whether the time and travel that go into getting someone from the Council on to beseeching platforms all over the South is worth what it costs, we do not know, but it is certainly helpful in building friendship for the Council (though disappointing in building membership) and it affords members of the staff opportunities to know what is going on in distant places. Here is a list of most of the gatherings for which one or the other of us has appeared during the year:

Pilot Club - Daytona Beach, Florida
Arkansas A & M Faculty Group - Pine Bluff, Arkansas
Atlanta Friends Meeting - Atlanta
Local meetings of the Georgia Interracial Committee at Atlanta, Macon, Dalton, Gainesville
Catholic Committee of the South - Richmond
Anti-Defamation League - B'nai B'rith - 40th Anniversary Celebration- Washington
Berea College Y M C A - Berea, Kentucky
Tennessee A & I University - Nashville, Tennessee
Fisk University Race Relations Institute - Nashville, Tennessee
Dade County Council on Community Relations - Miami, Florida
Alabama State Conference - NAACP - Mobile
First Congregational Church - Atlanta
Women's Interracial Commission - Norfolk, Virginia
Arkansas Division SRC - Little Rock, Arkansas
Atlanta Conference of Southern State Commissioners of Labor
Fellowship House - Knoxville, Tennessee
Southwide Students Conference - YM and YWCA - Blue Ridge, North Carolina
Southeastern Conference of Social Workers - (Anna Holden)
Institute of Intergroup Relations (Anna Holden)
Scarritt College - Nashville, Tennessee
Peabody College - Nashville, Tennessee
University of Miami- Coral Gables, Florida
College of the Bible - Lexington, Kentucky
Workshop on Intergroup Relations - Catholic University (Anna Holden)
Southeast Employed Women's Conference of the YWCA (Katherine Stoney)

Assistance at Labor Schools

During the year the Executive-Director was invited to teach at a variety of labor institutes, long or short. For the C.I.O. he taught for a week at a session of local representatives from unions in the Southern state held at Talladega, Alabama; at the United Rubber Workers' District Council in Atlanta; for an Anti-Discrimination meeting of the United Packinghouse Workers; for a meeting of the South Carolina Industrial Union Council at which a workers' education program was launched.

For the A. F. of L. he taught for a Wouth-wide meeting of the International Chemical Workers; for a one-week Kentucky Labor School; and for the South-wide A. F. of L. Labor School at Oklahoma City.

In all of these sessions, opportunity was afforded to describe and discuss the pace of change in the economy of the Southern states. It was gratifying to observe in the meetings the uniformity with which the various labor groups strive to lessen discrimination in the region.

Commission on Equal Penalties

About the sum of $4000 has been collected for this Commission and preliminary correspondence has been undertaken toward selecting the Commission itself. The business here will be to consider the record as to unequal penalties by race in typical states and as to certain typical categories of crime and to obtain the recommendations of a responsible body of Southern citizens on the practice of the Courts in this regard.

NEW SOUTH

Successively during the year concentrated on progress in the use of the franchise; on the issue in South Carolina over the amendment to disestablish the public schools; on segregation in railway travel; on the whole matter of school segregation; Guy Johnson's Founder's Day address at Tuskegee Institute; President Marion Wright's summary of the present situation in the South; on the Supreme Court's action in asking for re-argument of the school segregation cases before it; on the new census on white and Negro income in the Southern states; the progress in use of Negro police and the two issues on school matters. The December issue summarized the recent re-argument of the school cases before the Supreme Court and reprinted significant portions of the Attorney General's brief on the issue, filed on behalf of the United States Government.

The magazine's subscription list continues to grow. It circulates now to 2,500 individuals and organizations.

Sales of Literature

At a higher figure this year than ever before in the Council's history. Gross income from sale of literature has been approximately $2,634.39.

Annual Meeting

No Annual Meeting was held in 1952 and the May meeting of this year had perforce to serve for 1952 and 1953. Attendance was as good as on former occasions. Perhaps the most significant act of the Annual Meeting was the approval of sweeping changes in the by-laws of the Council to be brought into effect at a time to be chosen by the Executive Committee. The changes were

thought of as governing the Council's structure in case we had substantially increased resources. The Council itself, under these by-laws, becomes a body of fifty elected Board members, plus two members from each affiliated or cooperating state organization, plus the officers of the Council - a total of about eighty members. The present scattered Southwide membership of the Council would be the nucleus of autonomous but affiliated organizations within each State. Each such organization would have its own Board but it is hoped that the SRC would be able, for a five-year period, to supply money for adequate and competent paid staff for each such State organization. The Council, or central staff, would be tiny but sufficient to coordinate the work of the State Divisions, to continue to publish a magazine on developments within the South as a whole and state by state, and to direct a modest program of finding out from the various local action programs needs as to additional research and channeling out to other bodies the fact-finding involved.

The Annual Meeting made its own elections to the new Board and so arranged matters that this Board could serve as the Board of Directors of the Council under the existing by-laws and also as the elective portion of the Board when and if the new by-laws are put into effect. The Board so elected and the terms of office determined by lot are as follows:

Abram, Morris B.	2 years	Healey Bldg., Atlanta, Georgia
Atwood, Dr. R. B.	4 years	Kentucky State College, Frankfort, Ky.
Barbare, Dr. Ralph	2 years	Winthrop Training School Rock Hill, South Carolina
Bates, Mrs. W. F.	2 years	125 Atkins Street, Little Rock, Arkansas
Birnie, Mrs. Cassandra M.	4 years	864 Hunter Street, S.W., Atlanta, Ga.
Bonds, Ulysses S.	4 years	Madison, Arkansas
Christopher, Paul R.	2 years	216 Flatiron Bldg., Knoxville, Tenn.
Clement, A. J.	2 years	Station A, Box 36, Charleston, S. C.
Clement, Dr. R. E.	4 years	Atlanta University, Atlanta, Ga.
Clingman, Rt. Rev. Chas.	4 years	421 So. Second Street, Louisville, Ky.
Coker, James L.	2 years	Sonoco Products, Hartsville, S. C.
Davidson, Herbert M.	2 years	Daytona Beach NEWS JOURNAL Daytona Beach, Florida
Duncan, O. D.	2 years	Oklahoma A & M College, Stillwater, Okla.
Friedman, S. Thomas	4 years	Southwestern Jewish Community Relations Council, Houston, Texas
Gomillion, Dr. C. S.	2 years	Tuskegee Institute, Alabama
Griffin, John A.	4 years	Emory University, Georgia
Hamilton, Mrs. Grace T.	4 years	Atlanta Urban League, Atlanta, Ga.
Johnson, Dr. Charles S.	2 years	Fisk University, Nashville, Tenn.
Johnson, Dr. Guy B.	4 years	University of North Carolina Chapel Hill, North Carolina
Lanier, Dr. R. O'Hara	2 years	Texas Southern University, Houston, Texas
Looby, Dr. Z. A.	4 years	419 Fourth Avenue, North, Nashville, Tenn.
Mantinband, Rabbi Charles	2 years	808 Mamie Street, Hattiesburg, Miss.
Mays, Dr. B. E.	4 years	Morehouse College, Atlanta, Ga.
McCann, John	4 years	231 Baronna Street, New Orleans, La.
McDowell, Dr. B. A.	2 years	Southern Baptist Theological Seminary Wake Forrest, North Carolina

Milner, Dr. Clyde	2 years	Guilford College, North Carolina
Milton, L. D.	4 years	Citizens Trust Company, 212 Auburn Ave.,N.E. Atlanta, Georgia
Moron, Dr. A. G.	4 years	Hampton Institute, Virginia
Parrish, Dr. C. H.	2 years	University of Louisville, Louisville, Ky.
Penick, Rt. Rev. E. A.	2 years	802 Hillsboro Street, Raleigh, N. C.
Rayzor, Mrs. J. N.	2 years	3207 Groveland Lane, Houston, Texas
Reddix, Dr. J. L.	4 years	Jackson College, Jackson, Mississippi
Richards, Dr. J. M.	2 years	Columbia Theological Seminary Decatur, Georgia
Richardson, Dr. H. V.	2 years	Gammon Theological Seminary, Atlanta, Ga.
Robinson, Mrs. E. U.	4 years	675 North Waters Street, Gallatin, Tenn.
Shean, Rev. M. V., C.O.	2 years	Box 895, Rock Hill, South Carolina
Shaw, Charles A.	4 years	Watchtower Life Insurance Company 2206 Dowling Street, Houston, Texas
Smith, J. Edwin	2 years	Scanlan Bldg., Houston, Texas
Spearman, Mrs. E. H.	2 years	1511 Laurel Street, Columbia, S. C.
Stroud, Mrs. Tommie	4 years	3225 Maple Avenue, Waco, Texas
Sytz, Miss Florence	2 years	Tulane School of Social Work New Orleans, Louisiana
Thomas, Judge L. E.	2 years	1035 N. W. Second Ave., Miami, Florida
Tillman, Mrs. J. Fount	2 years	Lewisburg, Tennessee
Turnipseed, Rev. A. S.	2 years	301 Dexter Avenue, Montgomery, Alabama
Weiss, Morton	4 years	Athens, Georgia
Wheeler, John B.	4 years	Mechanics and Farmers Bank Durham, North Carolina
Wilkins, Miss Josephine	4 years	Athens, Georgia
Williams, Paul D.	4 years	3320 Gloucester Rd., Richmond, Va.
Young, Thomas W.	4 years	JOURNAL & GUIDE, Norfolk, Virginia

Thus far in the year, Georgia and South Carolina have elected respectively to the Board of SRC Mr. B. R. Brazeal of Atlanta and Mrs. Marion Paul of Columbia. The Ex-Officio heads of these two groups are Reverend George Clary and Judge Richard Foster of Greenville.

The new Board, when it met at the time of the Annual Meeting, chose as officers of the Council the following:

Marion A. Wright.....President
Carter Wesley.....Vice-President
Gordon B. Hancock.....Vice-President
Alfred D. Mynders.....Vice-President
A. W. Dent.....Vice-President
Rufus E. Clement.....Chmn., Exec. Committee

and as Executive Committee:

Mrs. Cassandra M. Birnie
Paul Christopher
John A. Griffin
Dr. Harry V. Richardson
Rev. Maurice Shean, C.O.
Rev. A. S. Turnipseed

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The first subsequent meeting of the Executive Committee elected Dr. R. E. Clement as its Chairman.

State Divisions

We know of meetings during the year of the State Divisions in South Carolina and Mississippi and Arkansas and of several meetigs of the Exceutive Committee of the Kentucky Division. The Texas Commission of Race Relations has met during the year and the Virginia Department of Christian Social Relations has been active. The Tennessee Division is inactive althouth Mr. Alfred Mynders continues as its Chairman and has undertaken various projects on behalf of our interest in the state during the year. The North Carolina Division distributed QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS to members of County and City School Boards throughout the state. There has been little organized activity during the year from the Florida and Louisiana Divisions but the individual officers of them have undertaken helprul programs. The New Orleans Committee on Race Relations, under the Chairmanship of Mrs. Milton P. Adler, has been increasing its membership and undertaking a considerable program on matters of schools particularly. We continue therefore to have some organization in all of the states except Tennessee and Oklahoma and the purpose of the Council is to flow real strength into the State groups as soon as that may become practicable.

Membership

Fully paid memberships at present amount to 1,087. Memberships not more than a year or two delinquent in dues numbered an additional 291. NEW SOUTH subscribers are 289. Associate memberships (residing in the North and West) are 195.

On the whole this represents a disappointingly small membership. We account for it in part by the natural turn-over, in part by the disappointment of some local members as to the lack of active programs proposed by the Council for them to follow in their own communities; in part by lack of organized effort within the Atlanta office on membership recruitment. We have found by experiende, however, that gains from circularizing lists of people for membership do not meet the cost incurred in clerical help and postage costs; and without field staff we have not been able to do the local recruiting job that we know is the only rewarding way to build membership. Though membership is lamentably small, it is of the highest quality and it is quite representative of thoughtful leadership among both races and in nearly all walks of life within the South.

Award to Executive-Secretary

In April the Catholic Committee of the South meeting at Richmond presented its 1953 Award to the Executive-Secretary of the Council for "signal contribution to the welfare and progress of the South". The award was presented by the Most Reverend John J. Russell, Bishop of South Carolina, after a tribute by Paul D. Williams, a founder of the Catholic Committee of the South and for six years president of SRC.

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FINANCES

Miss Katherine Stoney, as Secretary-Treasurer, reports the year's income and out-go as below:

Balance, January 1, 1953		$ 894.36
RECEIPTS		
Contributions from SRC Members and Friends	$ 2,718.20	
Contributions from Church Groups	4,190.00	
Contributions from Labor Organizations	3,700.00	
Contributions from Other Organizations	448.53	
Contributions from Foundations	23,600.00	
Membership Dues	3,986.50	
New South Subscriptions	534.75	
Sale of Literature	2,634.39	
Honoraria	1,078.50	
Total Receipts		$42,890.87
		$43,785.23
DISBURSEMENTS		
Salaries	$ 28,395.04	
Social Security	298.12	
Travel	1,569.65	
Telephone & Telegraph	905.37	
Rent	1,260.00	
Printing (other than NEW SOUTH)	2,212.52	
Postage	516.18	
Office Supplies	776.88	
Books & Magazine Subscriptions	178.41	
Accounting Fees and Special Services	214.85	
Insurance, Interest and Bank Fees	85.83	
Purchases and repair of equipment	301.00	
Georgia Sales Tax	22.41	
Annual Meeting Expense	1,553.75	
State School Volunteers and Committees (expenses)	336.31	
1952 Accounts paid in full	1,916.48	
Payment of 1949 note in full	1,500.00	
Payment of 1952 note in full (Citizens Trust Co.)	500.00	
Paid to State Divisions	1,205.00	
Total Disbursements		$ 43,747.80
Balance, January 1, 1954		$ 37.43

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It will be obvious that we got through the year only by dint of the generous contribution of the Ford Foundation, a contribution given, we were led to understand, without prejudice to any future assistance that might come from other Ford-assisted foundations. We were able, during the year, to more than match the Ford grant but we were not able to turn up more than a few large and unusual sources of income.

The Council entered the year with a deficit of $3,535.66 and ended it with a deficit of only $1,980.44. In bookkeeping terms we had an excess of income over expenditure of $1,559.72.

For the latter part of the year, it has been touch and go as to whether we could meet our commitments at all and only our friends who strained their own resources substantially have enabled us to stay as well ahead of the game as we have.

It is absurd that an organization with the grave responsibility that rests upon the SRC at this juncture should be as shakily financed as it is. We can only hope that the coming year will be one in which resources adequate to the job we have to do will be found.

MEMORANDUM #2

May 11, 1954

TO: Chairmen of State Divisions or Affiliates in Cooperating Communities

FROM: George S. Mitchell, Executive Director
Southern Regional Council

The following letter has been written to the Chairman of the Mississippi Division:

All our experience points strongly to the wisdom of having membership on a twelve months basis, not the calendar year. That is to say that members should be billed annually on the anniversary of the month of joining. This spreads the work of billing and gets you out of the difficulty of the person who joins in November and then to his displeasure is billed in January. It also spreads your income.

I do recommend $5.00 as minimum annual dues, but we have no power to overrule you on that matter. I think to be fair all around it should be $5.00 dues, $3.00 to be retained in your own Mississippi territory, and $2.00 per person to be sent to SRC in Atlanta as subscription to New South. But for the time being we propose to leave New South subscriptions at $1.50 expecting to raise it January 1, 1955, to $2.00.

We are at work on a model set of By-Laws for state bodies. They run along the lines of an annual membership meeting and an executive committee of sixteen elected members with staggered terms: Four expiring at the end of the first year, four at the end of the second, four at the end of the third, and four at the end of the fourth year. The executive committee would comprise among its membership, in addition to its sixteen elected members, the chairman, vice-chairmen, and the secretary-treasurer.

Your secretary-treasurer could delegate the power of the purse to your executive secretary.

The organization would affiliate with the SRC roughly in accordance with Article IV of the By-Laws of the SRC.

We do not have an application form for candidates seeking staff positions with state organizations. I think the choice has to be largely personal and many of your own membership and the executive committee would be expected to know the various applicants intimately. Pick competent, devoted, and skillful people, and have a regard for their loyalty to the principles of American constitutional government.

Your executive committee should at an early date name a finance committee, whose members need not be members of the executive committee. Suggested number -- five. Chairmen of finance committees should make quarterly reports to the executive committees on fund raising activities.

As soon as we can supply you with model By-Laws, you are free to begin operations as an independent but affiliated body, in accordance with Article IV of the By-Laws of SRC.

June 8, 1954

MEMORANDUM #3

FROM: George S. Mitchell, Executive Director, Southern Regional Council, 63 Auburn Avenue, N. E., Atlanta, Georgia.

TO: Chairmen of State Divisions of the Southern Regional Council.

Evidently I was not clear in Memorandum #1, April 10, 1954, about when SRC aid could reach the state organizations.

Not until October 1, 1954.

The time allowed us for the first period of operation was eighteen months; from April 1, 1954, to September 30, 1955. But the money allowed for helping the states was only twelve month's money.

To come out even at the end of the period, we can't be giving money out to the states until October, 1954.

These weeks just now are best used in making plans and looking over available personnel. Pity that we can't help you get going with paid personnel right away, when there is present pressing need, but budgets are budgets.

Please be clear that we here get a chance to advise with you on choosing your paid executives. It is your business to sort them out and make the final choice, but we want to be given a chance to be consulted on the tentative choice you make. So don't make commitments until you have consulted us, please.

As to when you get going with paid personnel, remember that when you raise extra money (above $1800), you could use it to take on staff earlier, but have it securely raised; we cannot help you meet a deficit as September, 1955, approaches. You will need to calculate your resources including SRC aid, and plan exactly accordingly.

As to your associate executive -- same dates for SRC aid. But because of the arrangements that will need to be made with other states, decision ought to be delayed on that until we can confer with you more closely.

Of course, if you have or could raise more money you could plan for a full-time associate. An alternative would be a part-time associate for a state by itself.

We hope to have one of the staff in this office meet with you in the near future, at which time we can consult about your plans in more detail.

FILE COPY

July 20, 1954

MEMORANDUM

To: Board of Directors of the Southern Regional Council, Inc.

From: George S, Mitchell

The purpose of this memorandum is to bring you up to date on the present conditions and plans of the Southern Regional Council. We need your earnest cooperation as we strive to meet the challenge of our large opportunities.

In early April the Ford Fund for the Republic made a grant to support the work of the Council for the following eighteen months. $158,000. was specifically designated to assist the development of the program in our twelve Southern states. As a firm condition of the grant, $21,000. must be raised by the state units during this period ($1800. by each state). $74,700. was allocated for the work of the central office of the Southern Regional Council, which must raise an additional $40,000. during the eighteen months.

The letter of grant from the Fund for the Republic carried the following: "While the . . . grant is not made on a matching basis, it is felt that the future financial health of the Council and the state organizations might be seriously impaired if they are not to find substantial Southern support. We believe that increased financial support from individuals, religious bodies, trade unions, businesses and industries in the South is of vital importance to assure the continued success of the Council and to the continuation of its expanded program . . . We are confident that the officers of the Council and the members of the various boards and committees will give generously of their time and energy in order to insure that the expanded program of the Council is established on a firm basis."

STATE PROGRAMS

Our hope, and that of the Fund for the Republic, is that state units may become in time well established, self-sustaining human relations agencies with competent professional staff to assist the development of their program. The need for service of this kind faces us immediately as the states and the communities within them prepare for the adjustment required by the Supreme Court's decision on public schools. The situation, the needs, and the problems vary from state to state - and these differences must be taken into account as plans are made to meet the problems and possibilities of each state.

We believe, however, that a first objective in each state should be the establishment or strengthening of a thoroughly representative Executive or Steering Committee. This group should become the planning and policy-making body for the new future operations. Among its first responsibilities should be consideration of the state organization's financial base, its plans for program development, and the employment of professional staff.

CENTRAL OFFICE OF SRC

We are doing only what seems absolutely necessary to expand the staff in the Central Office to enable proper assistance to the states in getting organized. But we can continue to do, on a slightly firmer basis, what we have been doing all along in public information and education.

When the state programs are firmly organized, the main part of the job in the Central Office will be coordinating their work.

GSM
7/20/54

MEMORANDUM

TO: Board of Directors, Southern Regional Council, Inc.

FROM: George S. Mitchell, Executive Director

DATE: July 20, 1954

Your Executive Committee and the staff wish to do more in the future to keep you informed of the Council's program. We all value your comments, criticisms, and views as to things we should or should not be doing.

April 1st caught us moving along much as usual. We were still pushing Questions and Answers: The Schools and the Courts and A Checklist for Your Local Schools, and we were busily organizing things to get ministers and recognized local church leaders travelling around in designated parts of the South to form local discussion groups on what to do about the expected decision.

The grant from the Fund for the Republic put us into a state of great activity. A friend wrote in and said that we wouldn't be busier, but that we would get more done. I am sure we have been busy and I suppose more than usual has been done.

Our first move was to talk by telephone with our leading people in each of the twelve states in which we hope to organize permanent movements. Those conversations were followed by Memorandum #1 which put down the simple outlines of what the new relationships would be.

CENTRAL STAFF

The staff at the Central Office has necessarily grown. We brought in first a clerk-stenographer and then an assistant bookkeeper, or general clerk, and then a substitute for our Sociologist who is away at Summer School. June 1st we got on to the staff Mrs. Grace Towns Hamilton. She has been the Executive Secretary of the Atlanta Urban League. Richly trained, deeply experienced, and broadly thoughtful as to the problems of the region, she has been a strong resource in all of our many policy discussions.

As yet, no final choice of a person or persons to be the Director, or Directors, of the Field Program has been made. At least one such person is needed as a key to our administrative structure. He should relieve me of much of the direct negotiation with the state groups. We have had on the payroll from about June 10th a man that we think is a suitable candidate for this job.

OFFICIAL HUMAN RELATIONS BODIES

We began to see emerging as a cloud no bigger than a man's hand a Southern interest in Mayors' Commissions on Human Relations. Dade County, Florida, as you know, set up one years ago. We had a hand in getting another going in Rock Hill, South Carolina. The Mayor of Charlotte, North Carolina, has been authorized by his City Council to set up one. The people in Anderson, South Carolina, want one. The Mayor of Atlanta has done some planning toward getting one. We think the real and permanenet solution is in official representation of the Negro community on all public boards affecting their needs. But in a good many jurisdictions it is years before elections of school board people come up, or the population distribution may be such as to make election difficult or unlikely. In those situations, we

would be willing to agree that a town should set up a Mayor's Commission to obtain responsible advice from the Negro community on their on-going problems. We sent out Earl Brewer to review, quickly, the experience of three or four typical Northern Mayors' Commissions; look at what has been done thus far in the South; and to do a lengthy article for us to get out to our people explaining the movement and pointing up its pitfalls and possible benefits.

Brewer is a Rural Sociologist and a Methodist minister trained at Duke and at Chapel Hill, and now teaching in the School of Theology at Emory University. He has been responsible for organizing the work of the Methodist Church in Town and Country policy relationships; a wide-spread Southern effort which has given him a lot of travel and experience with leadership groups already.

FIELD TRAVEL

Another similar move has been the employment of Mr. C. H. Parrish of the University of Louisville, to travel in selected Southern states during the summer months and sound out opinion, and particularly Negro opinion, as to the needs of the state for organized work in the field of race relations, and as to the leadership and financial resources available. Parrish is a sound fellow. He is the only Negro professor, from the former Louisville Municipal College, taken over to the University of Louisville when the two were consolidated. He is a judicious observer. We used him successfully in Alabama last February and March in drawing together local discussion groups on the schools and the courts. We anticipate, from his former travels, a stream of quite helpful advice from five or six Southern states. He goes back to his teaching job next Fall.

Still another venture of the Central Office has been the employment of an economist from Berea College, Mr. Robert Menefee. He came on a two months basis. I must have talked with you about the opportunity offered in the mountain areas, where the population runs about 95 or 98 per cent white, county by county, in early desegregation of the schools. We did something toward getting out a publication that would revive the roots of the mountain tradition of freedom of action resulting from their stand of a hundred years ago. But I concluded that the wisest thing to do was not to go into print on that point, but to send around a mountainy fellow who, in conversation with the people in leadership positions in the mountain, would direct thought toward the parallel of this situation with the earlier one, which would suggest a moral. Menefee is from Ashland, Kentucky, and he and his wife have a good deal of experience in community organization. They will travel together this summer at SRC expense to get this job done.

EQUAL PENALTIES

Into these busy weeks we have squeezed, also, a rally of effort on our long-hanging Commission on Equal Penalties in Courts of Law. Our Council's President made an arrangement with Haverford College to send six students to do a piece of research in six county court houses -- Shreveport, Kosciusko, Montgomery, Cartersville, Bamberg, and Winston-Salem. We brought the young men down and briefed them, and about June 1st they flitted to their official stations. You can imagine that the telephone activity picked up as these youngsters got bedded into Kosciusko and Bamberg: one got the measles; and one got written up in the county weekly; and one got cold treatment from the county court. But by one ingenuity or the other they got about 85 per cent of what they went after. That operation is over and the sheaves of filled out questionnaires are in hand. Now comes the matter of selecting nine commissioners, getting their consent, getting the research written up into readable form, and getting the Commission to inform the South how to reform its practices.

STATE ORGANIZATIONS

I find our state people in quite general agreement that they can use the summer to strengthen their Boards, and look over the field of possible people to be employed as Secretaries. Everybody likes the proposition.

Harold Fleming has met with the nucleus of our people in Arkansas, and Harry Ashmore and others there are planning for a small meeting later on that will get down to brass tacks.

I have met with our Chairman in Florida. A small meeting will occur there early in July and a larger one is planned for early September to get Florida going.

South Carolina has an embarrassment of people available for the paid positions and will be ready to go as soon as we release them.

Kentucky has had many conversations among the leading people. They seem to prefer a small Council representing many helpful organizations in the state as against a big membership body. I don't know what will be worked out there in the end, but there is every reason to suppose that a vigorous program will get underway in the state.

I spent a couple of days in Texas, July 1st and 2nd, and saw in Dallas and Houston many of our leading people. At Houston Mrs. James S. Crate, Chairman of the Texas Commission on Race Relations (affiliated with SRC), brought together some of her Executive Committee, and we laid plans for the Texas Commission to increase its membership and Board and to take on paid staff beginning about October 1. The Texas Commission has collected in cash and pledges $1150 already, and believes that it can handle its finances all right.

Oklahoma we have not been able to plan to assist directly, and I have written to our one Board member in the state to that effect. We consider Oklahoma a part of the South and definitely a part of the Southern Regional Council, but in the end we had to divide our available funds by 12 rather than by 13.

Mississippi has done some discussing and has looked over some candidates, but I don't think that serious efforts have as yet been made to get the Mississippi Division organized.

North Carolina is having its Executive Committee meeting along about now.

I have talked with the key people at the Council of Christian Social Relations in the Virginia Council of Churches. A verbal agreement has been reached that the Virginia Council of Churches, without surrendering formal authority to expand in the field of race relations would assist an SRC type of organization within a state to pick up an increasing portion of the work.

Two states have moved out early -- Georgia and Louisiana.

The Georgia Interracial Commission has for many years raised enough money to pay the salary of Mrs. M. E. Tilly so that they are accustomed to having at least a partially paid executive. They learned of the availability of a candidate whom most of us thought was remarkably suited for the job as Executive Secretary in Georgia. They agreed to raise the extra money involved in his employment during the months of June, July, and August, 1954. SRC has permitted the Georgia Interracial Committee to take Mr. Guy Wells on as its Secretary.

For the time being, little has been done to establish an office and he does not plan to take on a secretary or an Associate Executive as yet. Mr. Wells has a long history of helpful work in the state. He is past President of the Georgia Education Association, past District Governor of Rotary, and has, until recently, been President of a state teachers' college at Milledgeville, Georgia. His latest assignment was with the ECA in Libya, from which he had to return because of the illness of his wife. At 64 he has a lot of vigor in him still, and he earnestly wants to try to help Georgia to iron out its problems of race relations. He has been speaking over the state to Church and civic groups and groups of teachers. It is a difficult assignment in a summer of a rather odd gubernatorial race. But so far as we can see, he is doing it well and to good effect.

In Louisiana, we have a special siutation. There is, normally, a Louisiana Division of the Southern Regional Council. But it plays second fiddle to the New Orleans Committee on Race Relations which is affiliated, also, with the Southern Regional Council and all of its ninety-odd members are members of SRC. The New Orleans Committee has $1,000 in its treasury. They went ahead and employed an Executive Secretary, Mr. Milton Vigo.

Vigo has been well trained in New Orleans institutions, and was lately a teacher in a private academy in the city. Twenty-seven or twenty-eight, single, nice looking, judicious, with influential friends and a good grasp of the problems of the city. I have an agreement with Vigo that his Associate, when taken on, should be drawn from somewhere else in the state than New Orleans. Vigo makes use, for the time being, of a minimum of office space and has no secretary. He plans to pick up a fully established staff unit about September 1.

Nobody likes the available plan on Associate Secretaries. Nobody wants to share one with another state. I think it will check out with most of the states finding, over and above what they have to arrange for anyway, enough additional money to employ a full-time Associate Secretary, beginning in late Fall. In a few places, probably, they will pick up a half-time Associate Secretary -- which could work.

NEW BY-LAWS

The Southern Regional Council's Executive Committee met April 6th and reviewed the terms of the grant and the plans for getting organized centrally and in the states. They formally put into effect the new By-Laws for SRC -- a copy of which is in your files. They will meet again in late July.

TRAVEL AND CONSULTATION

The Court's decision on May 17th enormously stepped up the demand for services, travel, and advice from us. Poor Harold Fleming has been worked almost to death trying to answer the demands of newspapers and magazines and the scores of legitimate inquirers who came South for the news. We have all been on broadcasts and television shows enough and a plenty. I have been out, of set purpose, to Oak Ridge, Tennessee; Anderson, South Carolina; Knoxville, Tennessee; and Greensboro, North Carolina; to counsel with local leadership on implementing the Court's decision.

In addition, we have carried along the normal amount of "Instituting" and week-long teaching what has been part of our steady year by year effort. I taught a group of CIO leaders from the lower South for a week at Lake Junaluska and taught, also, at an Institute sponsored by the American Friends Service Committee, held at

Guilford College for a week in June, and again at Howard University's Workshop on School Integration. Similar such programs are booked with the A. F. of L. group in Kentucky, the A. F. of L. for the Southeast and for the Southwest at two separate meetings, and possibly another CIO one coming up later on.

ANSWERS FOR ACTION

We have at the printer's, to come out in a few days time, our new pamphlet reviewing the Ashmore Report, printing the Court decision, and giving suggestions on things to do. The pamphlet will contain in colors a map showing distribution of white and Negro population by counties. The title of the booklet is Answers for Action. It is being clamored for and I think it can be a real contribution from the Council for an understanding of the decision and toward getting complying action.

WILLIAMSBURG CONFERENCE

In April, our Council was promised funds with which to bring together early in May a small conference of people in the South working at matters of this kind, with the view to preparing a list of things to be done toward getting compliance with whatever might be the Supreme Court's decision, and towards sorting these action programs into priorities. Twenty-three or four people were asked to a meeting in Williamsburg, Virginia, May 6, 7, 8, and 9th. It was not an SRC conference, but a conference of people from many agencies and just as private citizens.

One of the aims of the conference was to make available to bodies, which might be asked to finance programs in the South, the results of a careful review of projects by a group of Southern persons particularly informed in this area. The meeting was most fruitful and produced a report which while much condensed was considerable and meaty. We agreed on some 11 things to be got going right away; on four, portions of which should be started at once but other portions of which could wait until later; and on 9 things which should be started within a year or so; and on 5 long-range programs involving research which could be launched later on but which all thought would be very helpful. A full report of the Williamsburg Conference is available as a mimeographed document. Although it is not a public document, we will be glad to send it to any SRC Board member who may wish it.

Most of the things recommended at the Williamsburg Conference have already been gotten underway, either by the Council directly or by other agencies: Mrs. Tilly has put out, as a SRC leaflet, a review of Church teachings on the matter of compliance with the Court's decision, and a copy of this is enclosed. The leading women from the various Southern state Councils of Church Women have met here in Atlanta and have concerted their program. A proposed Conference of Business Men has been under discussion and moves toward organization. Various conversations have been held by teacher groups looking toward the availability of a service helpful in any nation-wide exchange of teachers that may become needful at a later stage. The Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith and the National Conference of Christians and Jews, Inc., have shown special interest in getting human relations instructions to teacher-training meetings this summer. One member of the SRC staff and one Board member made a special trip to New Orleans and got a leading member of the New Orleans Bar to begin exploration, with other lawyers, of the practicability of work from within the state Bar Associations looking toward building public opinion favorable with compliance to the decision.

Various of the older projects are being worked on as time affords.

ATTACKS ON SRC

The Council has been subjected to attacks from two quarters. The same Reverend Blake Craft who publishes at Clayton, Georgia, an odd sheet which he calls "One Methodist Voice" renewed, a couple of months ago, his charges that the SRC was pink-tinged; and a famous Georgia political figure, Roy Harris, has used his political weekly paper, The Augusta Courier, to carry in weekly issues similar and detailed charges. The press has not picked up these so obviously scurrilous items. Mr. Craft has had considerable difficulty with his own North Georgia Conference of the Methodist Church, and has just been tried and convicted by a Church court of various breaches of conduct and suspended for one year. Mr. Harris has been joined by the personal political organ of Mr. Herman Talmadge which, in a recent editorial, carried along the Harris line.

The burden of the charge seems to be that the Southern Regional Council is "in fact a successor to the Southern Conference for Human Welfare" and that we are a haven for "commies" and that some 38 persons "on our Board" (he makes no distinctions between persons now on the Board, or on the Board for a term or two, years back) have links with persons whose names can be traced in the files of the House Committee on UnAmerican Activities and elsewhere." The staff and our counsel and President, Marion Wright, have conferred repeatedly on the matter and have agreed on the best things to do and not to do anent the attacks.

Katherine Stoney, as Secretary-Treasurer, attaches a condensed financial report.

Generally speaking, the staff is encouraged about the prospects of permanent and effective organizations in the various states. That prospect will only be realized, however, if all of our friends, and most particularly our Board members, lend their time, advice, and friendly help to the major effort of getting energetic and wisely led state programs underway.

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July 21, 1954

MEMORANDUM

TO: THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE
SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL

FROM: GEORGE S. MITCHELL, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
THE SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL

In addition to the important matters of policy to come before the members of the Committee July 30, the staff wishes now to lay before you a proposed reorganization of staff jobs.

The present By-Laws of the Council stipulate and describe as staff officers an Executive Director, an Associate Director, a Secretary-Treasurer, and Counsel.

The attached chart shows the new form of organization proposed.

The attached amendments to the By-Laws, if they should be passed by the annual meeting of the Southern Regional Council, November 10, 1954, would accomplish the suggested changes.

The proposed detailed duties of Assistant Directors are as follows:

Assistant Director for Information and Research

Prepare or supervise the preparation of all publications of the Council, including pamphlets, leaflets, and the Council's magazine New South. Supervise the research program of SRC and the maintenance of materials and clipping files, servicing of information requests, and fact-finding incident to the Council's program. Maintain contacts with the daily, weekly, and periodical press, and, upon occasion, to prepare and circulate news releases. Conduct negotiations with organs of opinion, including the press, radio, television, etc. Interview visiting journalists and other writers, and inform them on matters Southern and matters relating directly to SRC. In the absence of the Director to be responsible for the administration of the program of the Council.

Assistant Director for Program Development (Two persons)

Mainly through field travel, but also through correspondence and other means of communication, to be in touch with the movement underway in each of twelve Southern states to launch a permanent race relations organization. To advise and counsel with the leaders or members of these organizations, and in interviews to request the assistance and discover the attitude of various people influential in each state

believed to have an interest in matters which concern the Council. To be responsible, under the Executive Director, for all SRC contacts with certain or all of the state programs. To interpret to state personnel SRC policy and detailed arrangements; to assist state organizations in the selection of personnel; to supervise the performance of state organizations and their adherence to SRC policy.

Assistant Director for Program Planning

Using an extensive knowledge and experience of developmental community programs, and by virtue of wide familiarity with Southern problems and movements, to review all matters of program and policy; to advise the Executive Director, the Executive Committee, the Board, and all other staff members, in the coordination of program planning; and, upon assignment by the Executive Director, to supervise the execution by central office staff and state personnel of stated portions of SRC policy and program. Upon occasion, in the absence of the Executive Director, to be in charge of the Council's work as a whole. In occasional travel, to consult with field personnel and staff in other and related organizations in this general field, as to matters of program development and community relations.

The staff supposes that the suggested amendment to Article 6, Section 6, provides for flexibility in that the Executive Committee or the Southern Regional Council as a whole could from time to time amend the job descriptions of the Assistant Directors.

We send this matter out ahead of time in order to give ample opportunity for members of the Executive Committee to be familiar with the questions and thus make best use of the time of the meeting on July 30.

Encls.

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE
BY-LAWS OF SRC

ARTICLE V. COMMITTEES

Section 2. Meetings of Executive Committee. The Executive Committee *[Council] shall fix its own rules of procedure, and shall meet as provided by such rules or by resolution of the Council, and it shall also meet at the call of the chairman or of any three members of the Committee. A quorum of the Executive Committee shall consist of not less than five (5) members of the Committee. If necessary, members of the Executive Committee may by written notice appoint a proxy from among the members of the Council to attend and vote on behalf of such members.

ARTICLE VI. OFFICERS

Section 1. Executive Officers. The executive officers of the corporation shall be a president; one or more vice-presidents, not to exceed four; an executive director; four assistant directors; [an associate executive director;] a secretary; and a treasurer. The president and the vice-presidents shall be chosen from among the members of the corporation. The executive director and the assistant directors [associate executive director] need not be members at the time of their election, but by virtue of their office shall become ex-officio members of the corporation, with all the privileges of such members. The secretary and the treasurer need not be members, and the offices of secretary and treasurer may be held by the same person. The president and vice-presidents shall be elected annually by the Council. The executive director and assistant directors [associate executive director], secretary-treasurer, and counsel shall be subject to confirmation annually by the Council, upon the recommendation of the Executive Committee. Officers shall hold office until the corresponding meeting in the next year, and until their successors shall have been fully chosen and qualified, or until they shall have resigned or shall have been removed, in the manner provided in Section 13 of this Article. Any vacancy in any of the above offices shall be filled for the unexpired portion of the term by the Council, at any regular or special meeting.

Section 6. Assistant Directors. [Associate Executive Director] The assistant directors [associate executive director] shall work in cooperation with the executive director in the administration of the program and policies of the Council. At the request of the executive director, or in case of his absence or disability, one of the assistant directors [the associate executive director] shall perform the duties of the executive director, and they [he] shall perform such other duties as, from time to time, may be assigned to them [him] by the Executive Committee or by the Council.

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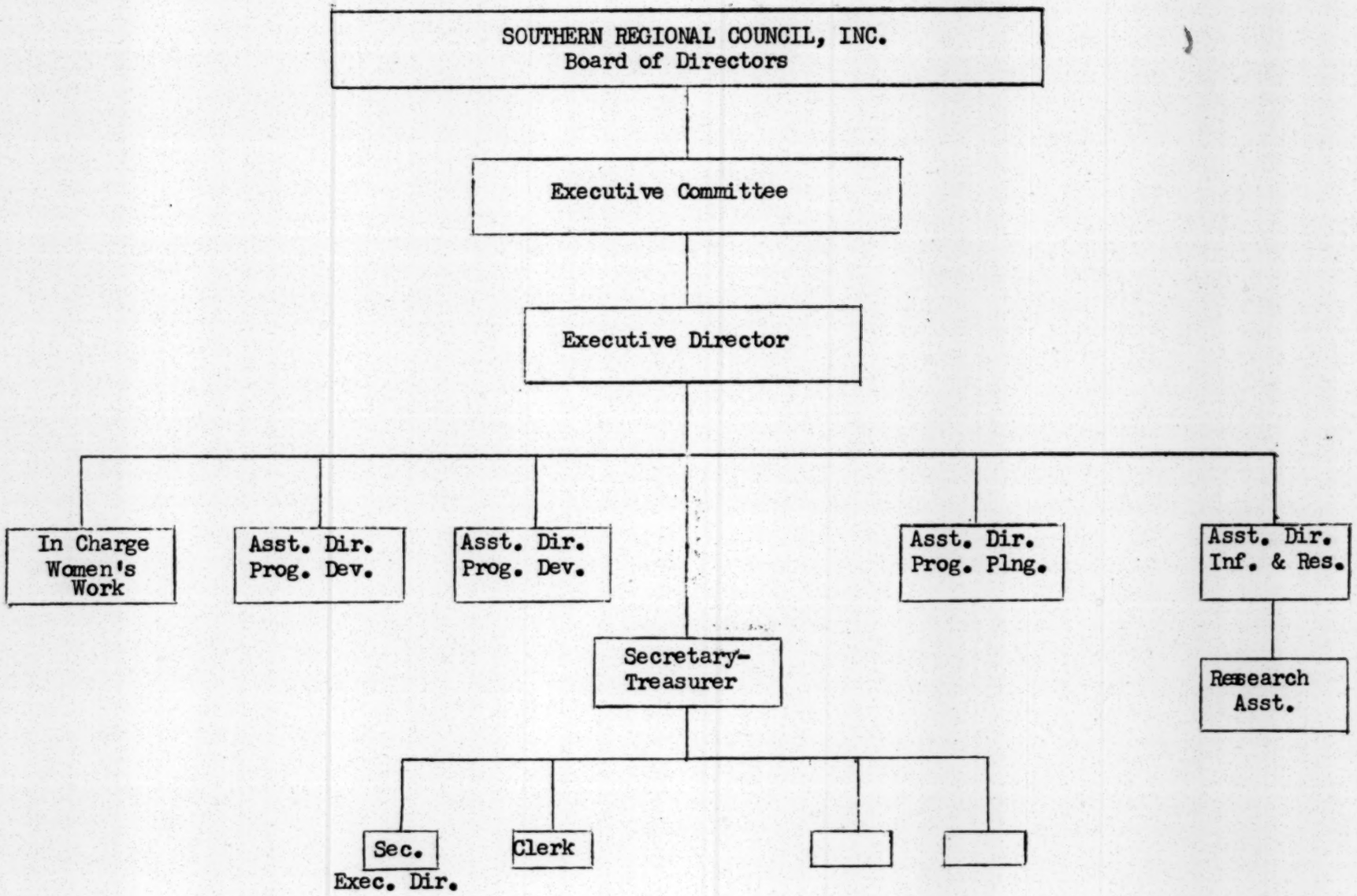
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THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

of

THE SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL

Atlanta, Georgia

October, 1954

ARTICLE II (By-Laws of the Southern Regional Council, Inc.)

Section 1. Members

A. The members of the corporation shall be as follows:

1. Not more than 50 or less than 40 persons, hereafter called members elected by the annual meeting at which these by-laws are adopted.

2. Two persons, hereafter called ex-officio members, from each affiliated State organization. These two persons from each affiliated State organization shall be the chairman of such affiliated organization and one additional member elected by the members of such organization.

3. The president, the vice-presidents, the counsel, the executive director, and the associate director shall also be ex-officio members.

B. A member, as distinct from an ex-officio member, shall hold office for four years (except as provided in Section 1-C of this Article) and until his successor shall have been duly chosen and qualified and until he shall have resigned or shall have been removed in the manner provided by Section 8 in this Article. No such member shall serve more than two consecutive full terms of four years each (or, in accordance with Section 1-C of this Article, one short term and one full four-year term, consecutively). Chairmen of affiliated State organizations shall hold ex-officio membership in the corporation as long as they are chairmen of affiliated State organizations, and ex-officio members elected by their affiliated State organizations shall hold membership in the corporation for not more than two consecutive four-year terms, or portions thereof.

C. The members elected at the meeting at which these by-laws are adopted shall be divided by lot in such a way that the terms of one-half shall expire at the time of the annual meeting in 1955, and the remainder at the annual meeting in 1957.

D. Successors to members (as distinct from ex-officio members) shall, upon expiration of terms or death, resignation, or removal, be elected by all members of the corporation, including ex-officio members, at the next meeting following occurrence of such vacancy, provided that in such elections the executive director and the associate executive director shall not be entitled to vote.

Section 3. Voting. Each member or ex-officio member shall have one vote and, except in cases in which it is by the charter or by these by-laws otherwise provided, a majority of the votes cast shall be sufficient to elect and to pass any measure. Voting by mail may be conducted on such questions and in such manner as may be provided by the Executive Committee.

Section 4. Proxies. Any member or ex-officio member entitled to vote at any meeting of members may vote either in person or by proxy. All proxies shall be given to members of this body only, and each one shall designate the name of the member who shall act as proxy. Every proxy shall be in writing, subscribed by the members, or his duly authorized attorney, and dated, but need not be sealed, witnessed, or acknowledged. Proxies shall be delivered to the secretary of the corporation before such meeting or to the inspectors at the meeting.

AN ANALYSIS OF SRC BOARD BY STATE AND RACE

	Elected Board		SRC Officers		Ex-officio & State Representatives	
	White	Negro	White	Negro	White	Negro
ALABAMA	1	1			1	1
ARKANSAS	1	1				
FLORIDA	1	1			1	
GEORGIA	5	5	2	1	1	1
KENTUCKY	1	1			1	
LOUISIANA	1			1	1	
MISSISSIPPI	1	1			1	
OKLAHOMA	1					
NORTH CAROLINA	4	1	1		1	
SOUTH CAROLINA	3	1			1	1
TENNESSEE	3	2	1		1	
TEXAS	4	2		1	1	
VIRGINIA	1	2		1	1	
	27	18	4	4	11	3
	45		8		14	

OCCUPATIONAL ANALYSIS

Attorneys:	9	Church Leaders:	3
Businessmen:	10	Editor-Publishers:	4
Civic Leaders:	5	Educators:	21
Clergymen:	11	Labor Leader:	1
		Social Workers:	2

NOTE: Five vacancies to be filled:

2 - 1954-55
3 - 1954-57

Southern Regional Council, Inc. Atlanta, Georgia

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Abram, Morris B '55	Attorney	Healey Bldg., Atlanta, Georgia
Atwood, Dr. R B '57	Educator	Kentucky State College, Frankfort, Kentucky
Barbare, Dr. Ralph '55	Educator	Winthrop Training School, Rock Hill, South Carolina
Bates, Mrs. W F '55	Church Leader	125 Atkins Street, Little Rock, Arkansas
Birnie, Mrs. Cassandra M '57	Attorney	864 Hunter Street, Atlanta, Ga.
Bond, Ulysses S '57	Businessman	Madison, Arkansas
Brazeal, Dr. B R %	Educator	Morehouse College, Atlanta, Ga.
Brooke, Rev. W C #	Clergyman	Box 208, Staunton, Virginia
Christopher, Paul R '55	Labor Leader	216 Flatiron Bldg. Knoxville, Tenn.
Clary, Rev. G E #	Clergyman	Southeastern Jurisdiction, Methodist Church, 63 Auburn Ave., Atlanta, Georgia
Clement, A J '55	Insurance Executive	Station A, Box 36, Charleston, South Carolina
Clement, Dr. R E '57	Educator	Atlanta University, Atlanta, Ga.
Clingman, Rt. Rev. Charles '57	Bishop	421 S. Second St., Louisville, Ky.
Coker, James L '55	Manufacturer	Sonoco Products, Hartsville, S. C.
Crate, Mrs. James S #		2410 Inwood Drive, Houston, Texas
Davidson, Herbert M '55	Editor	Daytona Beach NEWS JOURNAL, Daytona Beach, Florida
Dent, Dr. A W *	Educator	Dillard University, New Orleans, Louisiana
Duncan, O.D '55	Professor	Oklahoma A & M College, Stillwater, Oklahoma
Dunlap, Davisson #	Attorney	Barnett Bldg., Jacksonville, Fla.
Foster, Richard J #	Attorney	Box 1325, Greenville, S. C.
Friedman, S Thomas '57	Social Worker	Southwestern Jewish Community Relations Council, 1110 Bissonet, Houston, Texas
Gomillion, Dr. C G '55	Educator	Tuskegee Institute, Alabama
Griffin, John A '55	Professor	Emory University, Georgia
Haas, Leonard *	Attorney	Haas-Howell Bldg., Atlanta, Ga.
Hancock, Dr. Gordon B *	Educator	P. O. Box 6056, Richmond, Va.
Johnson, Dr. Charles S '55	Educator	Fisk University, Nashville, Tenn.
Johnson, Dr. Guy B '57	Professor	University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, North Carolina
Lanier, Dr. R O'Hara '55	Educator	Texas Southern University, Houston, Texas
Looby, Dr. Z A '57	Attorney	419 Fourth Ave., N., Nashville, Tennessee
Mantinband, Rabbi Charles #	Clergyman	808 Mamie St., Hattiesburg, Miss.
Mays, Dr. B E '57	Educator	Morehouse College, Atlanta, Ga.
McCann, John '57	Businessman	231 Baronne St., New Orleans, La.
McDowell, Dr. E A '55	Professor	Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Wake Forrest, N. C.
Milner, Dr. Clyde '55	Educator	Guilford College, North Carolina
Milton, L D '57	Banker	Citizens Trust Co., Atlanta, Ga.
Mitchell, Dr. G S *	Executive Director	SRC, 63 Auburn Ave., N. E., Atlanta, Georgia

Moron, Dr. A G '57	Educator	Hampton Institute, Virginia
Mynders, Alfred *	Editor	The Chattanooga Times, Chattanooga, Tennessee
Paul, Mrs. Marion %	Civic Leader	2324 Washington St., Columbia, S.C.
Penick, Rt. Rev. E A '55	Bishop	802 Hillsboro St., Raleigh, N. C.
Rayzor, Mrs. J N '55	Civic Leader	3207 Groveland Lane, Houston, Tex.
Reddix, Dr. J L '57	Educator	Jackson College, Jackson, Miss.
Richards, Dr. J M '55	Educator	Columbia Theological Seminary, Decatur, Georgia
Richardson, Dr. H V '55	Educator	Gammon Theological Seminary, Atlanta, Georgia
Robinson, Mrs. E U '57	Church Leader	675 N. Waters St., Gallatin, Tenn.
Russell, Rev. Leon #	Clergyman	First Methodist Church, Rocky Mount, North Carolina
Shaw, Charles A '57	Insurance Executive	Watchtower Life Insurance Co., 2206 Dowling St., Houston, Texas
Shean, Rev. M V, CO '55	Clergyman	Box 895, Rock Hill, S. C.
Smith, Rev. C Emerson #	Clergyman	109 West Grace St., Richmond, Va.
Smith, J Edwin '55	Attorney	505 Scanlan Bldg., Houston, Texas
Stroud, Mrs. Tommie '57	Civic Leader	3225 Maple Avenue, Waco, Texas
Sytz, Miss Florence '55	Professor	Tulane School of Social Work, New Orleans, Louisiana
Thomas, Judge L E '55	Attorney	1035 N. W. Second Ave., Miami, Fla.
Tillman, Mrs. J Fount '55	Church Leader	Lewisburg, Tennessee
Trenholm, Dr. H C %	Educator	Alabama State College, Montgomery, Alabama
Turnipseed, Rev. A S '55	Clergyman	301 Dexter Ave., Montgomery, Ala.
Twomey, Rev. L J #	Clergyman	Loyola University, New Orleans, La.
Tydings, J M #	Executive	808 Starks Bldg., Louisville, Ky.
Weiss, Morton '57	Businessman	182 Marietta St., Atlanta, Ga.
Wesley, Carter *	Publisher	Box 3086, Houston, Texas
Wheeler, John H '57	Banker	Mechanics & Farmers Bank, Durham, North Carolina
Whitsett, Rev. Dan #	Clergyman	First Methodist Church, Sylacauga, Alabama
Wilkins, Miss Josephine '57	Civic Leader	387 Milledge Ave., Athens, Ga.
Williams, Paul D '57	Businessman	3320 Gloucester Rd., Richmond, Va.
Wright, M A *	Lawyer	Top Knot, Linville Falls, N. C.
Young, Thomas W '57	Publisher	JOURNAL & GUIDE, Norfolk, Va.

SYMBOLS:

* -	SRC officer	'55 -	two-year elected member
# -	Ex-officio	'57 -	four-year elected member
% -	State representative		

NOTE: The following people from the board have become paid staff:

Hamilton, Mrs. Grace T	Atlanta Office
Parrish, Dr. C H	Field Work Consultant
Spearman, Mrs. E H	South Carolina Executive Director

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REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE TO THE ~~CORPORATION~~ COUNCIL

The eighteen months that have elapsed since the last meeting of the Board have been eventful ones in the life of the Southern Regional Council. The Supreme Court's decision of last May 17th, holding public school segregation unconstitutional, opened up unprecedented opportunities and unprecedented problems, both of which call for monumental efforts by the Council. Fortunately, the Council has received sizable new resources for this task, in the form of a grant of $240,000 for an eighteen-month period from the Fund for the Republic.

Naturally, your Committee rejoiced in this long-awaited lifting of a five-year siege of poverty. But it has also been sensitive to the tremendous responsibility which the grant places upon us. The Council's request for this aid pointed out that, in a time of international crisis, the success or failure of the South to adjust to democratic practices could determine the fate of democracy the world over. In accepting the grant from the Fund for the Republic, we in the Council have undertaken to make a major contribution in this historic test of democratic ideals. Our performance now may well influence events beyond the limits of our region, our nation, and our time.

The grant imposes two specific obligations. First, that the Council build in each of 12 Southern states human relations organizations that will be professionally staffed and, at the end of the subsidy period, will be self-sustaining. Second, that the Council triple the amount raised for its support in the Southern region during the first year, and increase the amount even more in the

subsequent two years. This fund-raising effort, both for the central office and the state organizations, is a firm condition of the grant. Your Committee feels that this is a paramount responsibility of every member of this body.

ORGANIZATION

Your Executive Committee has met four times since the last Board meeting -- on September 25, 1953, February 10, 1954, April 6, 1954, and July 30, 1954. In furtherance of the Council's broader role, the Committee has given major attention to the organizational changes authorized by the By-Laws adopted at the last general membership meeting in May 1953. The power, delegated to the Executive Committee, to put the new By-Laws into effect was exercised on April 6th of this year. Consequently, the Southern Regional Council is no longer a general membership organization but is wholly made up of the body meeting here today, formerly termed the Board. General memberships now belong to the respective state organizations affiliated with the Council. Certain amendments to the By-Laws will be submitted for your consideration today.

The Committee has steadily reviewed with the central staff the progress of the newly strengthened state organizations and their relationship with the Council.

The Committee has also reviewed changes in the central staff necessary to the new and expanded functions of the Council. A personnel subcommittee, consisting of the President, the Chairman of the Executive Committee, and the Executive Director, has been appointed to deal with continuing questions of staff recruitment,

salary, and job descriptions. Arrangements have also been made for appropriate financial bonds for all staff handling Council funds.

In addition, the Executive Committee, having in mind the responsibility of a private agency using tax exempt funds, directed that present and future personnel of the central and state offices should complete a questionnaire on present or previous membership in organizations of a Fascist or Communist nature.

The Committee has arranged for the files of the former Commission on Interracial Cooperation to be donated to Atlanta University, with certain stipulations concerning access to them by the Council.

PROGRAM

The Executive Committee, at each of its meetings, has reviewed with the staff the continuing program activities of the Council. These included the project, furthered by President Wright, to gather a body of data on racial discrimination in the courts, looking toward the establishment of a Southwide Commission on Equal Penalties; the Council's arrangements with certain church groups to make available ministers for travel in various Southern states under the guidance of the Council; additional summer field work for the Council by Mr. C.H. Parrish and Mr. Robert G. Menefee, exploring prospects for adjustment to the Supreme Court decision; and the preparation and distribution through church and civic organizations of two handbooks for local action on the schools.

These and other program activities will be reviewed in more detail by the Executive Director.

ATTACKS ON SRC

In this time of change and tension in the area of human relations, some intemperate attacks on the Council are perhaps to be expected. During 1953 and 1954, the Executive Committee has concerned itself with several irresponsible attacks by persons who publish small weekly newspapers, generally regarded as irresponsible in nature. All of these originated in Georgia. The first was a charge by the Rev. Blake Craft, elaborated in his paper One Methodist Voice, that the Council is honeycombed with "communist fronters." The second assault, adding the unfounded claim that the Council is the successor in fact to the Southern Conference for Human Welfare, was made in successive issues of The Augusta Courier, an extreme publication put out by Roy Harris, a Georgia political figure. Finally, The Statesman, the personal political sheet of Governor Herman Talmadge, has picked up some of the same material as a basis for attacks on the Council and the Ford Foundation. Within recent days, the Governor, in an attack on a number of organizations aired on television, mentioned the Southern Regional Council as having communist connections. Among the persons impugned in the published attacks were myself, Dr. Mitchell, Dr. Howard Odum, Dr. Frederick D. Patterson, Mr. Donald Comer, Mr. Virginius Dabney, Mr. Aubrey Williams, Dr. Charles S. Johnson, Bishop E.A. Penick, and other past and present board members.

Efforts to identify the Council in any way with the Communist movement are obviously absurd. The problem has been one of public relations. In only one instance did the reputable press take any notice of the charges, and on that occasion the Council's point of view was amply stated. The Executive Director has written a letter to Governor Talmadge protesting his untrue charge on television and requesting a retraction.

For the rest, the Committee has felt that the wise thing to do was to take no public notice of such charges when they are ignored by reputable news media, lest our actions serve to publicize the slanders. A subcommittee, consisting of our legal Counsel, the Chairman of the Executive Committee, and the Executive Director, has been appointed to decide proper action in such cases if and when they arise.

The Executive Committee is conscious of its heavy responsibility in overseeing the expanded program of the Council and the growth of its relationship with state organizations. It is the opinion of the Committee that satisfactory progress has been made to date toward fulfilling the purpose and terms of the grant. In order that this progress may continue at an accelerated pace, your review of past actions and your guidance for the future are earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

November 10, 1954

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Chairman

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GEORGE S. MITCHELL,
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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November 19, 1954

TO: Executives of State Organizations Affiliated with SRC

FROM: Mrs. Grace T. Hamilton - SRC
Assistant Director for Program

We are sending you under separate cover, copies of SRC publications and other selected materials which we believe you will wish to have available for reference and for use.

These include:

1. Complete file of New South for 1954.

2. SRC Policy Statement - 1951 (10 copies).

3. Earlier issues of New South as follows:

   Race and Suffrage Today - January 1953
   Law vs. Practice in Interstate Travel - March-April 1953
   Negro Family Income in the Southern States - October-November 1953
   A City Works at Human Relations - March-April 1952
   Changing Patterns in a Border State - May 1952
   Blighted Housing and Bomb Violence - June-July 1952
   Negro Firemen in the South - August 1952
   A Look at FEPC - September 1952
   Negro Municipal Workers in the South - May-June 1951
   A New Trend in Private Colleges - August-September 1951
   Housing in our Cities - October 1951
   Three Decisions (Sweatt, Henderson and McLaurin) - June 1951
   Professional Associations Drop the Color Bar - July 1951

4. SRC Pamphlets.

   Answers for Action
   Your Community Looks at Itself
   Greenville's Big Idea - and mimeographed follow-up report for 1952

Race and Law Enforcement
A Check List for your Local Schools
Singers in the Dawn (A pamphlet of the Interracial Commission. Old -- but occasionally useful.)

5. Mimeographed Materials.

1954 Negro Police List
FEPC Bibliography
Have Negro Police Been Satisfactory?

6. Pamphlets from other sources.

Segregation and the Schools - Public Affairs Pamphlet
NCWC Summary of Catholic School Integration

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November 23, 1954

Dear Friend:

Last summer, Mr. Robert G. Menefee visited your community in the course of field travel for the Southern Regional Council. Your name was suggested to him by local people, and he was most regretful that circumstances prevented his seeing you.

We thought that you would be interested in reading Mr. Menefee's article in the enclosed copy of our publication, New South. It reports the main observations and findings of his summer's travel.

We would be glad to have any comments or suggestions that occur to you.

Cordially,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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November 24, 1954

MEMORANDUM #7

TO: Executive Secretaries of State Organizations Affiliated with SRC
FROM: George S. Mitchell, Executive Director

RE: TAX EXEMPTION

1. It was agreed that each of the state organizations should initiate early steps to secure evidence of tax exempt status from the Department of Internal Revenue, since such evidence is customarily a prerequisite for foundation gifts and sizable contributions from individuals. Application should be made on Form 1023, which can be secured from your local Director of Internal Revenue. The central office is prepared to assist you in completing the more difficult parts of the questionnaire and in any case would want to review the final language before the application is filed.

2. It will probably be some months before your application is finally acted upon. In the meantime large contributions contingent on evidence of tax exemption may be made through the SRC, designated for the work of your state organization. If such a prospect arises in your fund-raising efforts, you should write to Dr. Mitchell explaining the circumstances, and he will forward a copy of SRC's letter of tax exemption to the appropriate person or foundation as necessary.

3. This procedure is not to be used for small or routine contributions, but only when it is essential to securing a substantial gift. Ordinarily, this will only be true when a prospective contributor asks for formal evidence of your tax exempt status as a condition of a grant. We offer this procedure only as a stop-gap measure pending confirmation by the Revenue Department of your own independent tax exempt status.

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MEMORANDUM #8

TO: Executive Secretaries of State Organizations Affiliated with SRC
FROM: George S. Mitchell, Executive Director

RE: PUBLICATIONS

I. NEW SOUTH

1. It was agreed that each member of your organization will receive New South as a regular concomitant of membership. Thus the amount you set for dues is a single amount, not broken down by dues and subscription to New South. It is, of course, understood that the state organizations will pay $2.00 per member to the central office to defray the cost of New South; but this is not a subscription and should not be so represented to the members.

2. We will welcome subscriptions to New South by libraries, organizations, and institutions, and will appreciate your forwarding them to us. These are properly called subscriptions.

3. Ten copies of New South will be sent each month to each state director for his or her own use.

II. PRICE OF SRC PUBLICATIONS TO STATE ORGANIZATIONS

1. Issues of New South through 1954 at 10¢ each; after January 1, 1955 at a new rate to be figured.

2. All other publications of SRC available to state groups in bulk orders at cost. Orders of one, two, or three copies of pamphlets to be available at published price for the public. (The distinction here is the additional clerical cost in this office.)

3. Whenever desired, state groups may obtain material on consignment -- i.e., proceeds from literature to be sent to central office after sale, together with any unsold copies.

4. If you should want to secure an unusually large quantity of an issue of New South or other SRC publications please notify the central office, whenever possible, at least one month ahead so that we can arrange for any necessary additional printing.

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MEMORANDUM #9

TO: Executive Secretaries of State Organizations Affiliated with SRC

FROM: George S. Mitchell, Executive Director, SRC

RE: FINANCES

The Central Office of SRC expects the Executive of state organizations to be responsible for the financial records and reports of state organizations. The bank used as depository for the organization should be located in the same city as the state office. The Central Office should be informed as soon as possible of the name of the bank, the official listing of the account, and the authorized signators of checks. It is important that you have an adequate system of bookkeeping in order that full financial reports and an annual audit can be made.

All money received by the state organization should be deposited to the account, and all bills should be paid by check. A petty cash fund of $20.00-$25.00 might be set up to cover small items, but accurate vouchers should be kept and the fund reimbursed by check as needed.

All contributions to the state organization should be acknowledged promptly, and records kept of the source of contributions. Contributions made by members may be recorded on their membership cards.

The Council has obtained a bond covering all employees of the Council and its affiliated organizations which protects the organization's funds. We expect state organizations to have a finance committee and a treasurer who will work closely with the executive secretary both in the raising of money and in planning for its disbursement.

So long as financial assistance is given state organizations by the SRC an annual audit will be requested.

MEMBERSHIP RECORDS

An excellent device for keeping membership records is a card file. As state organizations are set up the SRC turns over to them the membership record cards of the SRC members in that state. It is very important that note be taken of the date when dues should be renewed so that the state organization can establish contact before the membership has expired. In this period of transfer from the regional to the state office, the SRC will help to keep in touch with the members by sending New South until you have notified us that lapsed members have had ample opportunity to renew. We urge you to send renewal notices promptly.

As dues are paid, whether by new or renewing members, the name, and full correct address should be added to the list of those to receive New South. This list, together with your check to cover $2.00 per year for each member, should be sent to the Central Office each month. If your state develops a joint membership plan, only one copy of each issue of New South will go to a household.

DATE ON WHICH REPORTS SHOULD BE MAILED

The Central Office has provided the state organizations with forms on which to report their finances for the month. This report, together with the list of members to receive New South and its accompanying check, should be sent to the Central Office not later than the 5th of the following month.

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PROPOSED PLAN FOR POSSIBLE REORGANIZATION OF SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL

At the meeting of the Southern Regional Council Executive Committee held on September 27th, time was given to discussion of the Council's reorganization in the event that we should receive substantial aid, this in accordance with the resolution passed at the Annual Membership meeting on December 13, 1951.

It was agreed at the Sept. 27th meeting that further study should be made of the plan by the total membership of the Executive Committee and that at its next meeting, to be held in December of 1952, some proposal would be formulated to be presented at the Annual Membership meeting which is to be held in February 1953.

The Secretary was asked to send an outline of the plan of reorganization to the Executive Committee members and to remind them that this would be discussed in the December meeting.

OUTLINE OF PLAN OF REORGANIZATION

Membership in the Southern Regional Council would become synonymous with membership on the Board of Directors. Simple individual membership would be discontinued. Associates of the Southern Regional Council (resident out of the South) would continue, but as at present, without voting privileges.

Membership on the Board would be in two catagories.

From 40 to 50 persons so elected by the annual membership meeting of 1952. Suggest we call these General Members.

Two people sent by each affiliated State Organization. One would be the Chairman of such Organization, the other a person elected by the membership of the State Organization. Suggest we call these persons State Members.

The officers of the Council (President, Vice-President, Counsel, Executive Director, and Associate Executive Director) would also be ex-officio members of the Board.

This is a Board having at maximum strength:
50 General members
26 State members
7 Officers, Ex-Officio members
83 Members

Continuation of the Board. Of the fifty members elected in 1952, one-half would get two-year terms, and the rest four-year terms. Elections to fill vacancies would be by majority vote of the whole Board, with the Executive Director and Associate Executive Director excluded from voting (on this issue only). Vacancies among State Members would, of course, be filled by the State Organizations. General Members (and presumably, elected State Members, other than State Chairmen) would serve four-year terms, and not more than two consecutive such full terms. State Chairmen would be Board members as long as they are State Chairmen. Ditto for SRC officers.

Affiliation by State Organizations. Upon written approval by or on behalf of the Board of SRC of by-laws of such organizations. Amendments to such by-laws not effective until approved by SRC. By-laws to contain prohibition of political activity.

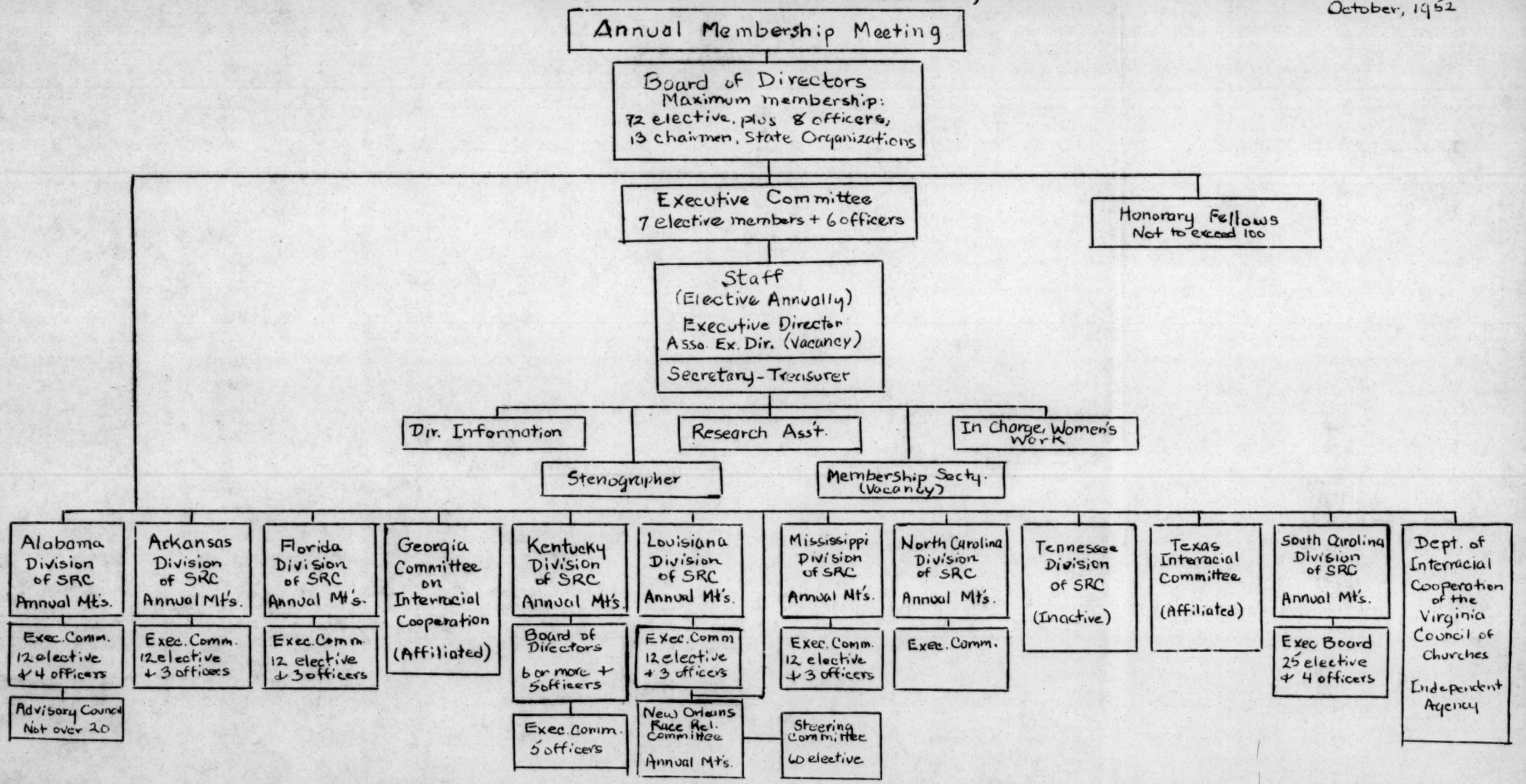
Personnel of State Organizations paid, in whole or in part, by SRC to receive checks from central office.

Local Organizations. Ordinarily, to be creatures of appropriate State Organizations, and by-laws and amendments to by-laws to be approved by State Organizations and SRC.

Executive Committee. Nine, plus SRC officers, exclusive of Executive Director and Associate Executive Director. Total of 14 Quorum, five (?).

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC.

October, 1952



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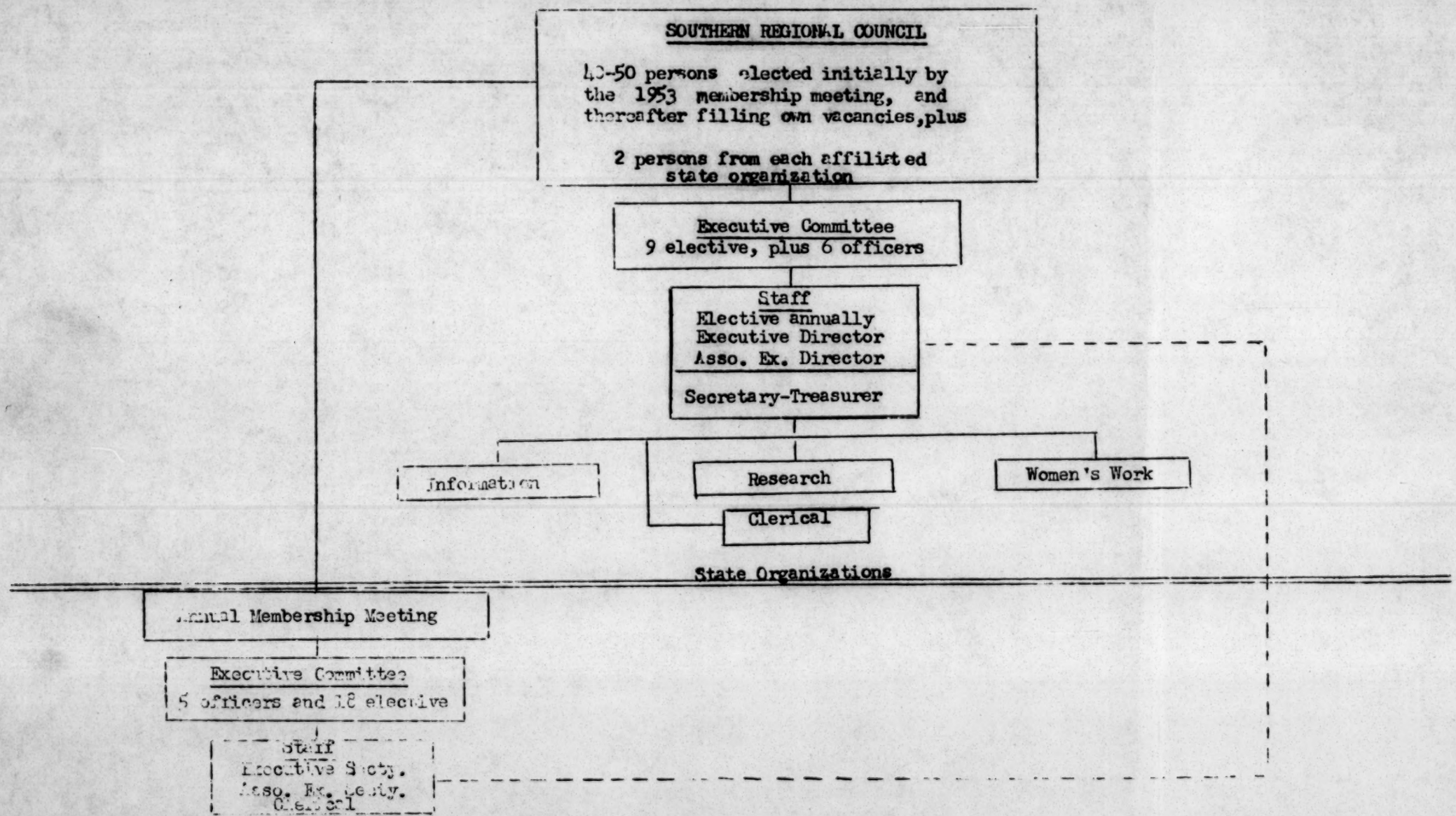

THE SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC.
63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta, Georgia

FROM: George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

TO: The Board of Directors of
The Southern Regional Council

RE: NAIRO

This is a good and useful organization worth your interest. Its monthly NAIRO Reporter is convenient for keeping up with events in this field -- though as yet mainly events other than Southern.

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NAIRO

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF INTERGROUP RELATIONS OFFICIALS

NATIONAL **A**SSOCIATION OF **I**NTERGROUP **R**ELATIONS **O**FFICIALS is

- A national organization of individuals primarily engaged in intergroup relations.
- An association to improve intergroup relations and aid in the attainment of equality of opportunity for all persons regardless of race, religion, national origin or ancestry.
- An organization which seeks to improve standards of work in the field of intergroup relations and to advance professional and technical knowledge.

PURPOSE

The program of the National Association of Intergroup Relations Officials has this major purpose—To improve intergroup relations by:

- FACILITATING MORE EFFECTIVE EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION and experience and furthering cooperation among official agencies and citizens' organizations dealing with racial, religious, ethnic, and cultural relations.
- ESTABLISHING CONTINUING RELATIONSHIPS and providing the impetus and inspiration for regular exchange of information and ideas among individuals in national and international official and private agencies and organizations concerned with intergroup relations, in order to bring about more effective utilization of the resources of these agencies and organizations on the state and local scene.
- IMPROVING STANDARDS OF WORK IN THE FIELD of intergroup relations, advancing professional and technical knowledge and practice, and aiding professional and technical personnel and administrators in their day-to-day operations.

ORGANIZATION AND SERVICES

To accomplish its stated purposes, the National Association of Intergroup Relations Officials

- OPERATES A CENTRAL HEADQUARTERS office to serve the members, committees and conferences of the Association, and to act as a coordinating influence for individuals engaged in intergroup relations activities.
- SERVES ITS MEMBERS by developing through publications, committees, conferences and by other means, a continuing program designed to improve professional policy and practice and citizen support of and participation in intergroup relations.
- OFFERS THE SERVICES OF ITS OFFICE and membership machinery to intergroup relations agencies of local, state and national character, that professional exchange and cross-fertilization of ideas, techniques and experiences may be of direct benefit to all practitioners in this field of operation.
- PUBLISHES A MONTHLY PERIODICAL, NAIRO REPORTER, as the one professional organ in the nation which provides consistent, accurate and objective reporting of (a) incidents and events bearing upon intergroup relations;

(b) legislative acts and judicial opinions and rulings; (c) accounts of techniques and methods developed; (d) reports, synopses and critiques of research efforts, articles and publications relating to this field of interest.

MEMBERSHIP

Membership is limited to individuals and is of two classes:

- ACTIVE: Any person primarily engaged in intergroup relations in a professional staff capacity, whether salaried or voluntary; as a recognized authority; or as a member of the governing body of an agency or commission in this field. Active members shall be entitled to vote at any membership meeting, hold office, receive all regular and special informational services of the Association, benefit from services of the Personnel Exchange and from such other special services as shall be determined by the Board.
- ASSOCIATE: Any person subscribing to the basic objectives and program of the Association. Associate members shall be entitled to receive all regular informational services of the Association and participate in conferences of the Association. Associate members may be appointed to serve as consultants on committees.

MEMBERSHIP DUES

ACTIVE AND ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP dues are $10.00 per year.

AGENCY SERVICE SUBSCRIPTION FEES are on the following scale:

Agency Annual Budget	*Annual Subscription Fee*
Under $10,000	$ 25.00
Over $10,000, less than $25,000	50.00
Over $25,000	100.00

(In those instances where local provisions or resources limit payment of subscriptions according to the above scale, the annual fee may be adjusted upon application to the Association.)

The membership application blank on the reverse side is for your convenience in applying for membership.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

To NAIRO, 565 North Erie Street, Toledo 2, Ohio

Please enroll as:

Active / Associate } member at $10.00 per year. ..... Enclosed find check.

Agency Subscription at ..... per year. ..... Please bill me.
(See Schedule on reverse)

Name .....

Title .....

Agency or Organization .....

Address ..... (Street and Number) ..... (City) ..... (Zone) ..... (State)

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South—Ruby Hurley, NAACP, S. E. Region, Birmingham, Ala.

Memo . . . FROM THE DESK OF

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Mailed to all members of Executive Committee, including officers.

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GEORGE S. MITCHELL,
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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January 20, 1955

Dear Member of the Executive Committee:

One or two items on the matter of certifying as to the loyal Americanism of employed personnel here and in the State Organizations.

Everyone in the Central Office has been covered, by certificate of your Chairman (Mr. Clement) for the Executive Director, and by the Executive Director for the remainder of the staff personnel.

Nearly all of the states with employed staff have sent in covering statements either for their chief person employed or for all personnel, and we have written out for coverage of the rest, and do not doubt it will come in.

In the case of Louisiana, the Chairman, Mr. D'Orlando, sent the enclosed letter, which has been answered as enclosed. It is a policy matter, and I take this step of informing the Committee of it, in advance of the up-coming February meeting.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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THE FIRST UNITARIAN CHURCH 1806 Jefferson Avenue New Orleans 15, La.

January 4, 1955

Mr. George S. Mitchell, Executive Director
Southern Regional Council, Inc.,
Room 432, 63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Mr. Mitchell:

It is only because our Christmas activity has been unusually heavy that I have failed to write sooner about the form you sent to me under date of November 24, 1954. I had hoped, even before receiving your letter, that we might at some future date have an opportunity to sit down together to talk about affairs in this area of the country. Perhaps, now that our local group is well underway, we may find an occasion to meet.

Meanwhile, I am returning to you -- unsigned -- the form mentioned above. To begin with, it should be made clear that this action is taken entirely on my own initiative and without consultation with our executive board. Inasmuch as this is a personal matter with me, and also insofar as the request was made to me, it would seem that I am entirely within my authority in returning this to you under the present conditions.

Because we live at a time when it is becoming increasingly difficult to maintain individual integrity it seems to me that liberals should be the first to insist on this virtue and should be the last (rather than the first) to succumb to the elements of the times. To sign this form would place me in the position of denying all that I believe to be the role of the liberal in a time of peril.

Furthermore, inasmuch as I detest "investigating committees" it would be a contradiction of my position for me to become a one man "investigating committee" to determine the loyalty of our employees. Also, this would be an action implying their dis-loyalty, which I do not believe to be true.

There is one other aspect of this matter: at the rate the Attorney-General is adding new organizations to his list, there is no way of telling what apparently respectable organizations will be henceforth subversive. This would place me in the position of having approved membership in what may, some ten years hence, be recognized as an Un-American organization. Clearly, then, it must be seen that to indulge in such a pass-time is beyond all reason, both at present and in the future.

I trust that this will be accepted in the spirit in which it is written.

Sincerely,

/s/
Albert D'Orlando

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Reverend Albert D'Orlando
The First Unitarian Church
1806 Jefferson Avenue
New Orleans 15, Louisiana

Dear Mr. D'Orlando:

On the matter of form-fillings, I am the transmitter of what is expected of me by the Executive Committee, though I am in agreement with their action.

So when the whole matter is in a bundle I will report to them how you feel, and if they wish to put further questions, I suppose they will!

Sincerely,

/s/

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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Marked "For Your Information" and mailed to

SRC Board
State Staff
Consultants
State Chairman and Vice-Chairman

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FOR RELEASE 6:00 P.M., SUNDAY, MARCH 6

STATEMENT BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL

Nine months have passed since the Supreme Court held segregation in the public schools unconstitutional. Although the Court has not yet handed down its implementation decrees, school segregation is already disappearing in four of the 17 states chiefly affected, as well as in the District of Columbia and in states where segregation has been permissive. How quickly and harmoniously the remaining states bring their practices into accord with the law of the land will depend on the quality of leadership, public and private, displayed by the South in the months ahead.

We believe that this is a time for Southerners to take stock, to look realistically at the challenge confronting the region and at our resources for meeting it wisely and well. As one effort in this direction, we here summarize our collective view of the impact to date of the Supreme Court's decision.

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School desegregation is proceeding successfully in some 80 out of 129 border-state counties where separate schools were formerly required by law. The significance of this fact -- indeed, the fact itself -- has been obscured by the widespread publicity given disturbances in a few localities. It is less sensational. but far more important, that this many counties have adjusted successfully in so

short a time to the principle of the school decision. Their experience currently demonstrates to the world that American democracy has the vigor and capacity to solve its thorny racial problems. The entire country owes a heavy debt of gratitude to the hundreds of private citizens and public officials whose allegiance to the law of the land made this progress possible.

Although these communities are in border states, they are nonetheless places where segregation has been embedded in law and custom for generations. What can be done in Missouri, Delaware, Maryland, and West Virginia can be and ultimately will be done in those states where political stratagems now deny Southerners of good will the opportunity to work similarly toward compliance with the Supreme Court decision.

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In the upper South and the Southwest, several states are preparing soundly for early compliance. But others pursue a policy of "wait and see" that might better be described as "look the other way." Planning and even consideration of the desegregation process is discouraged on the ground that no action is now required and none may be required for a long time. Such an attitude promotes paralysis of public thought, and thereby forfeits a valuable opportunity for advance discussion and planning to insure smooth transition to integrated schools.

The Court has said unequivocally that legal segregation in the public schools is unconstitutional. Its implementation decrees will hardly fail to make this ruling effective. Nor is it reasonable to expect the Court to allow an indefinite period of delay. This interim period is precisely the time for joint fact-finding and planning by all elements of the community.

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In four of the deep South states -- South Carolina, Georgia, Mississippi, and Louisiana -- the official leadership is busily creating dangerous illusions and

enacting defiant measures. Some political leaders in these states are assuring the people that the schools will remain segregated indefinitely, if not forever, even though public education may be abolished in the process. These threats and the legal stratagems devised to carry them out are better adapted to hoodwink the people than to preserve segregation.

Most of these measures impose heavy penalties on any local authorities or school systems that choose voluntarily to comply with the Supreme Court ruling. Ironically, the proponents of these measures are the same spokesmen who repeat over and over that most Negroes and virtually all white persons will defend segregation at any cost. Obviously they do not believe their own words.

Moreover, leading Southern authorities on constitutional law who have examined these circumventing measures have agreed that they are dodges and will not stand in court.

There are truths that need saying in the deep South. There is a wide range of information that should be made known through every medium. Views of every kind need to be freely and fully aired. Instead, there is presently a concerted attempt by official leadership to stamp out independent thought and stifle all dissent with respect to school segregation. Consequently it is imperative that responsible Southerners confirm the fact that vast numbers of us will not defy the United States Constitution, the teachings of our religion, and the prevailing opinions of the free world.

Despite all the bluster of the demagogues, most Southerners recognize that segregation is on the way out. Not all of them are happy about it, but they see it as an evident reality. Few would actually be willing to jettison their public schools and throw their educational systems into a dark age of confusion and chaos.

Those who advocate such a course do irreparable harm to the progress of the South and to the cause of freedom throughout the world. But fortunately they

will not have the last word. In the end, the people of the region will reject those who would lead them down the blind alley of rebellion. There are thousands of Southerners, white and Negro, for whom the demagogues do not speak, and whose voices have been little heard above the din of controversy. Ultimately these responsible Southern voices will repudiate fraudulent leadership on the school segregation issue. Speaking together, they can give the region a new confidence in its capacity for democratic growth.

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We in the Southern Regional Council reaffirm our belief that the vast majority of Southerners accept what is now the law of the land, want to have done with bitterness and obstruction, and are willing to meet on equal terms with their fellow citizens and find the best ways to move ahead. The Council strongly recommends local planning by citizens of the two races as the soundest means of preparing for compliance with the Supreme Court decision.

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New York Times
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Associated Negro Press
NCWC News Service

Atlanta Constitution & Journal
Atlanta Daily World

Norfolk Journal and Guide
Houston Informer
Birmingham World
Pittsburgh Courier (Fowlkes)

Bicknell Eubanks (Chr. Sc. Monitor)
Henry Lesesne (Monitor & Herald-Tribune)
Henry Lee Moon (NAACP -- Info.)

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL
63 Auburn Avenue, N.E.
Atlanta, Georgia

FOR RELEASE 6:00 P.M., SUNDAY, MARCH 6

The executive committee of the Southern Regional Council today urged "joint fact-finding and planning by all elements of the community" to prepare for compliance with the Supreme Court's school segregation decision.

The group made its recommendation in a statement reviewing Southern reactions to the court's ruling to date.

The Southern Regional Council is an interracial organization made up of civic and religious leaders in 13 Southern states. Its stated aim is the attainment of "equal opportunity for all the South's people."

The committee criticized official leadership in the deep South for "a concerted attempt to stamp out independent thought and stifle all dissent with respect to school segregation."

The committee declared, "There are thousands of Southerners, white and Negro, for whom the demagogues do not speak, and whose voices have been little heard above the din of controversy. Ultimately these responsible Southern voices will repudiate fraudulent leadership on the school issue."

It noted that measures recently enacted in the deep South "impose heavy penalties on any local authorities or school systems that choose voluntarily to comply with the Supreme Court ruling."

"Moreover," it added, "Southern authorities on constitutional law who have examined these measures have agreed that they are dodges and will not stand in court."

Successful school desegregation in 80 out of 129 border-state counties affected, the committee said, demonstrates to the world that American democracy has the vigor and capacity to solve its thorny racial problems.

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"The entire country," the statement continued, "owes a heavy debt of gratitude to the hundreds of private citizens and public officials whose allegiance to the law of the land made this progress possible."

The committee said that several states in the upper South and Southwest were preparing soundly for early compliance. But it deplored what it called a policy of "look the other way" in other states in those areas.

"Such an attitude," the statement declared, "promotes paralysis of public thought, and thereby forfeits a valuable opportunity for advance discussion and planning to insure smooth transition to integrated schools."

The committee called on "responsible Southerners" to "confirm the fact that vast numbers of us will not defy the United States Constitution, the teachings of our religion, and the prevailing opinions of the free world."

The executive committee members signing the statement were Marion A. Wright, Council president, Linville Falls, N.C.; Morris Abram, lawyer, Atlanta; Mrs. Cassandra M. Birnie, lawyer, Atlanta; Paul Christopher, labor official, Knoxville, Tenn.; Dr. Rufus E. Clement, president, Atlanta University; John A. Griffin, educator, Atlanta.

Also Rev. Harry V. Richardson, president, Gammon Theological Seminary, Atlanta; Very Rev. Maurice V. Shean, Dean of the Oratory, Rock Hill, S.C.; Miss Josephine Wilkins, civic leader, Atlanta; Dr. Albert W. Dent, president, Dillard University, New Orleans, La.; Dr. Gordon B. Hancock, professor emeritus, Virginia Union University; Carter Wesley, newspaper publisher, Houston, Tex.; Leonard Haas, lawyer, Atlanta; Dr. George S. Mitchell, Council executive director, Atlanta.

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May 26, 1955

MEMORANDUM

TO: Executive Committee of the Southern Regional Council

FROM: Grace T. Hamilton, Assistant for Program

The attached report has been prepared as a means of summarizing my year's work with the Southern Regional Council. As some of you know I accepted the position as Associate Director of the Southern Regional Council on a leave of absence basis from the Atlanta Urban League with no definite period with the SRC agreed upon. In February 1955 the board of the Atlanta Urban Leabue defined the term of my leave as of a year's duration. So in June my present relationship to the Southern Regional Council will have to be terminated. I have expressed to the Executive Director my willingness to consider a part-time consultant relationship in the months ahead in the event such a relationship is deemed useful.

It has been a year full of interest and learning for me and I wish to assure the Executive Committee of my continued interest in the purposes of the Southern Regional Council.

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REPORT OF THE ASSISTANT FOR PROGRAM, SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL
June 1954 - June 1955

Basis for Program Development

The principle which has been regarded as fundamental by the Assistant for Program is that the purpose of the SRC requires a demonstration in its program, organizational structure, and administrative procedures of the objectives which the SRC is committed to help achieve throughout the region. Specifically, the purpose of the SRC requires continuous efforts to interpret the organization's goal as the progressive elimination of segregation, and to extend communication across racial lines as a means to this end. "Program" necessarily includes consideration of advisable and possible means to further this purpose, through efforts of the regional office and of affiliated state organizations. In these terms, efforts to secure community understanding and support of the school decision have been regarded as deserving high priority because of its significance and its impact on the region.

Program development has been regarded in the light of the accepted principles of social change; namely, that efforts should be directed toward changing behavior since development of new attitudes usually follows rather than preceeds changes in behavior. In practical terms, this means that SRC programs must be concerned with modifying the framework of institutions and groups rather than with diffused attempts to provide "interracial education" for people in the mass. Efforts to modify all institutions and groups which maintain and reinforce the segregated basis of society are therefore within the province of the SRC's program as defined by its purpose. "Program" according to this concept may conflict with and be jeopardized by simultaneous efforts to develop "self-sustaining organizations." It is likely that efforts to secure support will be limited by program designed to modify the institutions and groups from which support must be sought. Of more importance to the objectives of the SRC is the likelihood that program efforts will be limited by efforts to complete organisational structure and to secure organizational support.

Responsibilities of the Assistant for Program

Responsibilities of the Assistant for Program have been interpreted as including:

(1) Efforts to develop channels for increased participation by SRC board members in the program development of the SRC Central Office and state organizations.

(2) Development of recommendations for Central Office staff structure for the expanded operation of the SRC made possible by the grant from the Fund for the Republic.

(3) Efforts to coordinate program proposals with financial resources of the organization.

(4) Efforts to initiate and distribute program proposals and materials to state organizations, designed to encourage a development of program related to the established purpose of the SRC.

(5) Consultative services to selected state organizations and related agencies with regard to objectives, structure, program development and personnel.

The outline which follows summarizes the year's work of the Assistant for Program under each of the five categories listed above:

(1) Development of channels for board participation.

(a) Suggestions resulting in the establishment of a Nominating Committee as a part of the continuous structure of the SRC.

(b) Suggestions resulting in the establishment of a Program Committee.

(2) Development of Central Office staff structure.

(a) The revised structure of staff in the Central Office was designed to:

Clarify the division of responsibility of professional staff and

Increase the possibility of racial integration in staff relationships to state organizations.

The revised staff structure provided four Assistant Directors as follows:

Assistant for Program (position formerly designated as Associate Director)
Assistant for Information
Two Assistants for State Organizations (one Negro, one white)

(3) Coordination of program proposals with financial resources (see Program Memoranda for Consideration by Program Committee, Executive Committee and Executive Director [May 1, 1955]). The Program Planning Committee has been regarded as the appropriate channel for the consideration of matters involving the relationship of finances to program.

(4) Development and distribution of program proposals and materials. The materials included in the attached exhibit have been prepared and/or made available to voluntary and professional personnel of the SRC state and regional groups.

(5) Consultative services to state organizations. Because there has been only part-time service by the Negro Assistant for State Organizations, the Assistant for Program has, upon request, been available during the

year for advisory services to the following state organizations:

North Carolina -- one meeting of Executive Committee.

Kentucky -- two meetings: orientation of consultants, and consultants and Executive Committee meeting.

Tennessee -- one meeting of Executive Committee, and advisory services through correspondence.

Louisiana -- one meeting of Program Planning Committee.

The Assistant for Program has participated in staff planning of meetings of church women and of state staff, and of New South content.

The related agencies have included: National Social Welfare Assembly, the Georgia League of Women Voters, the National Student Council of YWCA, the NAACP, the Urban League, and staff members related to other organizations who participated in the Conference on Segregation at Fisk University and the Civil Liberties Clearing House Conference in Washington.

In Summary

The effectiveness of the SRC will largely depend upon:

(1) An increase in responsible participation at all levels of the organization by a racially integrated leadership, both voluntary and professional. This responsible participation should be reflected in both policy-making and in administration.

(2) An increased understanding by the leadership of the organization, both voluntary and professional, of the implications of the SRC's goal and of practical means to further its achievement through use of resources available to the organization.

Consideration of these requirements is the continuing responsibility of the organization's Board, committees and staff. Specific questions for considerations by these groups are the following:

(1) How can a racially integrated regional staff with shared responsibility in policy-making, program development and administration be provided? How can racially integrated state staffs be assured? Such staff is "needed in the task of extending communication across racial lines." This is necessary and relevant if the SRC is to make effective contribution to the adjustments involved in the progressive elimination of segregation.

(2) How can understanding be furthered among the SRC state organizations' personnel, both voluntary and professional, of their most effective roles in the present period? (See Proposals III, IV and V in "Proposals for the Development of Program of State Organizations.")

(3) How can the selection and development of program projects by the Central Office be more closely related to the abilities and resources of the organization?

(4) How can we assist state organizations to carry on effective program activities and meet the requirement for achieving "self-sustaining, independent status" during the period of assistance? How can a desirable balance between these two competing objectives be achieved?

(5) How can the Central Office increase its effectiveness by implementing in its program the principle that institutions and groups maintaining segregation must be changed if an integrated society is to be achieved?

(6) To what extend would the financial resources of the SRC be influenced by these considerations? What implications have the considerations for employed personnel?

If exploration of these and related questions are undertaken, I shall be glad to make available any information and suggestions of mine as may be helpful.

Respectfully submitted,

(Mrs.) Grace T. Hamilton
Assistant for Program

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July 6, 1955

Mailed to:

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Morris Abram
Cassandra Birnie
Paul Christopher
Rufus E. Clement
John A. Griffin
J. McDowell Richards
Harry V.Richardson
Maurice V. Shean
Josephine Wilkins
Marion A. Wright
Albert W. Dent
Gordon B. Hancock
Carter Wesley
Leonard Haas

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July 6, 1955

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TO: MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

You remember that Miss Stoney is leaving us as Secretary-Treasurer on July 15th.

We think we are lining up a desirable permanent replacement, but do not expect to be able to put in a new Secretary-Treasurer until some date perhaps early in August.

Meanwhile, it will be needful to have an acting Secretary-Treasurer with power to counter-sign checks. For this purpose we propose to ask Mrs. Ruth Alexander to serve for a brief interim period as acting Secretary-Treasurer. She has been bookkeeper and assistant to Miss Stoney for something over a year. I am asking for approval of this interim appointment by the Personnel Committee of the Executive Committee.

Subject to that condition, if you would be willing to approve this interim appointment, please be good enough to sign the enclosed resolution and return it to us. It will be necessary with the banks to show a resolution of this kind from at least a quorum of the Executive Committee.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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RESOLVED THAT the Executive Committee of the Southern Regional Council, Inc., being the competent body under the By-Laws of the Council, by this instrument empowers Mrs. Ruth Alexander to serve as Acting Secretary-Treasurer from July 15, 1955, until such time as a Secretary-Treasurer is employed by the Executive Committee of the Council. In this capacity, she is authorized to co-sign checks on the Council's accounts with the Executive Director or the Assistant Director, Mr. Fleming.

This resolution adopted by action of the Executive Committee via mail ballot, completed July ____, 1955.

_____ Date of signing

_____ Signature

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MEMORANDUM

TO: PROGRAM PLANNING COMMITTEE OF SRC
and
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF SRC

FROM: GEORGE S. MITCHELL

This is a note which has been sent out to persons expected to attend the meeting at Atlanta University, August 10th and 11th. If you can arrange to be at any of the sessions, we would like to have you.

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GEORGE S. MITCHELL,
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

August 1, 1955

A Council to attain, through research and action, the ideals and practices of equal opportunity for all peoples in the South.

The Southern Regional Council is nearing the completion of 18 months of operation under the grant from the Fund for the Republic. In order to refresh your memory, the enclosed folder describes in general terms what the Southern Regional Council attempts to do. The Supreme Court decision of May 17, 1954, necessitated a new conception of our objectives; they have become more concrete in that there is now a focus of attention on the major problem of implementing the desegregation decree.

For the most part, the last year and a half has been devoted to the organization of state councils. Now, it seems desirable not only to review what we have done, but to plan for the wisest use of the grant funds during the next year. It is for this reason that we are inviting a few people who have knowledge and experience in this area to share their thinking and ours in attempting to determine how we might move more decisively toward the integration of the schools. Particularly, we would want your ideas on the expansion of professional services from the central office to the several state organizations and the region as a whole.

The meeting is scheduled at Atlanta University*,beginning with dinner at 6:30, Wednesday evening, August 10 through Thursday afternoon, August 11. Arrangements have been made for the accomodation of out-of-town conferees at the Atlanta University dormitories. We have also made provision to pay the transportation cost for all those who accept the invitation to attend. The session will be informal with no set speeches and with a highly flexible agenda.

We hope you will find it convenient to attend; unless we hear from you to the contrary, a reservation will be made in your name at the Atlanta University dormitory.

Cordially yours,

George S. Mitchell

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

*Lounge, A. U.
dormitories

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Dear

The Southern Regional Council you remember under the terms of its present grant from the Fund for the Republic has to raise considerable sums of matching money. Thus far this year the staff has done pretty well. But we will be several thousand dollars short of the $40,000 we must raise (by September 30, 1955) unless we can find some new sources. A Finance Committee is being set up to do the long-range job.

Meanwhile, the Executive Committee of your Board, meeting February 17, 1955, resolved that each member of the Executive Committee should get or give a hundred dollars to the Council before September 30, and "we are asking the other members of the Board to join us."

'Tisn't immediate, but do make your calculations on raising or giving a hundred to the Council before September 30. Neither are you necessarily bound in such a matter by the action of the Executive Committee; if you don't want to you certainly don't have to! But the need is here, and we hope you can with several months notice find that much for the Council.

Sincerely,

Rufus E. Clement
Chairman
Executive Committee

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October 19, 1955

FILE COPY

Dear Executive Committee Member:

Here's a budget for all we think it would be rightful to spend, and how, for this fiscal year. The meeting October 28th-29th should be prepared to recommend a budget to the Board, which meets November 9th.

We think somewhere around $65,500 of this budget can be got together. Where the other $25,000 - $30,000 is to come from the staff does not know.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL

PROPOSED BUDGET

For fiscal year - October 1, 1955 - September 30, 1956; and comparison with actual expenditures for 12 month period September 1, 1954 - August 31, 1955.

CENTRAL OFFICE ONLY

EXPENSES:	ACTUAL 1954 - 1955	PROPOSED 1955 - 1956
Salaries Central Office	$ 57,404.94	$ 61,600.00
Social Security Tax	760.57	800.00
Travel	6,945.15	7,500.00
Printing	10,528.10	8,500.00
Rent	1,335.00	1,680.00
Telephone & Telegraph	1,813.01	2,500.00
Postage	1,378.17	2,000.00
Books & Subscriptions	905.99	300.00
Accounting Fees	420.00	500.00
Insurance & Misc. Expense	170.51	300.00
Office Supplies	4,807.58	2,900.00
Annual Meeting Expense	2,663.42	2,000.00
Special Meetings in Connection with Women's Work	893.37	2,500.00
Manuscript on Cotton Tenancy	150.00	
TOTAL	$ 90,175.81	$ 93,080.00

ADMINISTRATION AND OVERHEAD	ACTUAL 1954 - 1955	PROPOSED 1955 - 1956
Salary, Executive Director	$ 10,000.00	$ 10,000.00
Salary, Administrative Ass't		6,000.00
Salary, Sec'y to Exec. Dir.	3,000.00	3,100.00
Salary, Secretary-Treasurer	4,958.28	4,000.00
1/3 Salary, Clerk	1,000.00	1,000.00
Social Security for Central Off. Personnel	760.57	800.00
Annual Meeting & Exec. Committee Meetings	2,663.42	2,000.00
Travel	6,703.82	7,000.00
Rent	1,335.00	1,680.00
Telephone & Telegraph	1,813.01	2,500.00
Office Supplies & Equipment	4,500.00	2,500.00
Postage (not including New South)	1,378.17	2,000.00
Printing (other than New South)	6,335.48	2,000.00
Audit Fees	420.00	500.00
Miscellaneous Expense	127.29	300.00
Insurance	43.22	
Sub-totals	$ 45,038.26	$ 45,380.00
* INFORMATION SERVICE AND NEW SOUTH		
Salary, Ass't Dir. for Information	$ 6,833.48	$ 7,000.00
Salary, Editorial Assistant	1,791.52	5,000.00
Salary, Research Assistant	2,483.49	4,000.00
Salary, Clerk		2,700.00
2/3 Salary, Clerk (Circulation)	2,000.00	2,000.00
1/4 Salary, Clerk (Steno)	494.27	750.00
Salary Office Boy (Part-time)	328.50	300.00
New South, Printing & Postage	4,192.62	6,500.00
Envelopes, Addressograph, Plates, etc.	307.58	400.00
Books & Materials	705.99	300.00
Sub-totals	$ 19,137.45	$ 28,950.00

	ACTUAL 1954 - 1955	PROPOSED 1955 - 1956
LAISON - STATE ORGANIZATIONS		
Salary, Ass't Dir. for State Organ.	$ 6,083.31	$ 7,000.00
Salary, Ass't Dir. for State Organ.	3,289.30	2,000.00
1/4 Salary, Stenographer	494.27	750.00
Sub-totals	$ 9,866.88	$ 9,750.00
PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT		**
Salary, Ass't for Program Development	$ 7,750.00	To be provided under state training Program
1/4 Salary, Clerk	494.27	
Program Materials	200.00	
	$ 8,444.27	
Women's Work		
Salary, Director of Women's Work	$ 5,000.00	$ 5,250.00
1/4 Salary, Clerk	494.25	750.00
Travel, Director	241.33	500.00
Meetings, travel of participants etc.	893.37	2,500.00
Sub-totals	$ 6,628.95	$ 9,000.00
Two Clerks - July & August 1955	910.00	
SPECIAL PROJECTS		
Manuscript on Cotton Tenancy	150.00	
Grand Totals	$90,175.81	$93,080.00

* Of the total of $28,950.00 proposed to be spent for the Information Service and New South, $6,850.00 is available as an unexpended balance in the Doris Duke Foundation grant; $1,500.00 is available as an unexpended balance in the Marshall Field Foundation grant; and $5,000,00 has been promised us from the Marshall Field Foundation for the calendar year 1956. Of this $5,000.00 there will be $3,750.00 available for the current budget period.

** Salary for Ass't Director	$ 2,500.00
1/4 Salary, Clerk	500.00
Consultants, salaries &travel	4,000.00
Travel, Ass't Director	1,500.00
Total	$ 8,500.00

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July 16, 1956

Dear Members of the Executive Committee:

In preparation for the meeting at St. Helena's July 20-21, we send you certain customary information. Also a first tentative draft of a letter to the Fund for the Republic asking for help after the present grant is through.

All items by way of enabling speedier discussion at St. Helena's.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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MEMORANDUM

FROM: HAROLD C. FLEMING

TO: Appropriate Board Members

SUBJECT: Attacks by the Hearst Press

As you know, The New York Journal American and other Hearst-owned newspapers on November 7 carried a story impugning the patriotism of 21 members of the SRC Board. Our concern over this slanderous article was increased by its use in Virginia and Tennessee to discredit SRC affiliates in those states. On November 15 and 16, I conferred with the staff of the Fund for the Republic and other agencies friendly to SRC, in New York. Subsequently, Dr. Mitchell, Mr. Wright, and Mr. Haas have discussed the situation. This memorandum summarizes what we know, at the moment, of the legal and public relations aspects of the matter.

Legal

Pending detailed legal study, it is the consensus that the 21 persons attacked may have legal grounds for a libel action. The Fund for the Republic has undertaken, through its counsel, to study the question in terms of jurisdiction and precedents in New York. The resultant findings will be purely advisory. Whatever they may be, the final decision will rest, individually, with the persons named in the newspaper story. However, should two or more persons decide to sue, the possibilities of a concerted action should be considered. The SRC, as an organization, would apparently have no basis for becoming a party to any legal action in this instance.

Mr. Leonard Haas, SRC's Counsel, has also done some preliminary study which reveals successful libel actions by persons who were falsely called"communists," "communist sympathizers," and "fellow-travelers"; the two latter terms, obviously, are closely analogous to the term "pro-red," which was that used by the Journal American headline.

As soon as the preliminary legal findings are available, we will pass them on to you. Meanwhile, we recognize that many extra-legal considerations are involved in contemplating libel actions; these may lead to differing individual decisions. We will, at any rate, summarize and circulate the most important extra-legal factors once the legal situation is clarified.

Public Relations

The Hearst papers are vulnerable to some extent, in terms of both circulation and public opinion, to the charge that they have defamed some of the nation's most prominent Negro citizens, as well as an organization which is working effectively for compliance with the Supreme Court's rulings in the South. Some of the steps in process are:

(1) The facts just mentioned are being brought to the attention of principals in the Hearst organization by such agencies as ADL and AJC, which are widely known and respected in New York.

(2) The NAACP either has protested, or will shortly, to the Hearst papers.

(3) The Negro press has strongly criticized the Hearst story; the use being made of it by white supremacy elements in the South has been called to the attention of the Negro press and may prompt further criticism.

(4) There is a possibility of direct protest to the Hearst papers from influential Catholic sources.

(5) We will undertake to get the positive story of the SRC and its work told by a national magazine of mass circulation, a network television program, or both.

(6) We will reproduce and distribute, through the Atlanta office and the state affiliates, favorable matter on SRC published by

newspapers or magazines. (A case in point was the recent column by Mr. Alfred Mynders in the Chattanooga Times.)

(7) The Atlanta office will work closely with the various state organizations in maintaining and strengthening the SRC's reputation throughout the South, as well as in meeting direct attacks.

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC.

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Minutes of Executive Committee meeting
February 10, 1954

The Executive Committee of the Southern Regional Council, Inc. met in the Council's office on Wednesday, February 10th at 10:00 a.m.

Present were:

Marion A. Wright	Mrs. Cassandra M. Birnie
Paul Christopher	John A. Griffin
Rev. Maurice Shean	Harry V. Richardson
Alfred Mynders	Leonard Haas
George S. Mitchell	Katherine Stoney
Anna Holden	Harold C. Fleming
Mrs. M.E. Tilly	Helen Hain

~~With~~ Mr. Wright, ~~president,~~ presiding in the absence of the chairman, Dr. Clement, ~~the meeting proceeded without an agenda~~. The invocation was given by Father Shean.

The meeting opened with a finance report (see attached) and report on membership given by Dr. Mitchell and the secretary-treasurer. The latter presented copies of the audit report for 1953 and a report of finances for ~~1954~~ January 1954. She reported that as of the end of 1953 the deficit had again been reduced by approximately half. Outstanding bills at the end of the year were for salaries and printing - all others having been paid. Receipts in January were low and the accounts payable at the end of January high because of necessary purchases of supplies.

Dr. Mitchell reported that the membership figures for 1953 were distressingly low. This was accounted for in part by the fact that the Council has had no membership secretary for the past year and so only limited work could be done on ~~xxxx~~ correspondence for recruiting. The main factor however, is the necessity of personal ~~xxxxxxx~~ invitation and recruiting for any real additions to our membership. With the present state divisions either ~~very~~ weak or inactive and with no field staff to work in the states, little ~~can~~ has been done to keep active membership.

The opinion was also expressed that people are afraid of joining any sort of organization in these days when all are being subject to question.

In his report on activities for the ~~past~~ end of '53 and beginning of '54 the Executive Director called attention to the round-up of ~~activities~~ the Council's work for 1953 which was distributed. He reviewed the history of the idea of local discussion groups which the Council has been giving attention to, told of events leading to the publishing of the QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS pamphlet, and of the ~~wide~~ distribution and evidence of wide usage of this pamphlet. He cited groups - labor, church, civic, and educational, which had ordered large numbers for distribution, and gave reports in progress of local discussion groups where such information had been sent to the Council.

He reported also on the work done by two staff members of the National Council of Churches of Christ in America who had been loaned to the Council for actual visiting in Kentucky and South Carolina. These men Bagby had visited key people in towns and cities in these states, urging them to promote discussion groups and to work toward a calm, sensible ~~opinion toward~~ action program to comply with the decision of the Supreme Court. A detailed report by Mr. Vastine was sent to the members of the Committee and much favorable comment was made upon this work. Mr. Haas suggested that the report be given wide circulation.

~~Mrs. Birnie reported that a discussion on the coming decision had been held in Atlanta under the sponsorship of the Southern Conference Education Fund. It had a fair attendance of Negroes with very few white people. Total attendance about 33.~~

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Father Shean commented on the work of Mr. Hunt in South Carolina, especially around Rock Hill and Dr. Mitchell said that a more detailed report would be coming from Mr. Hunt after the trip was completed.

Dr. Mitchell also reported that the Council had undertaken to finance similar trip to be made by Dr. C. L. Parrish, University of Louisville professor of sociology, who is on leave for this term. Dr. Parrish will visit through Alabama for three weeks, seeing as many of the Negro leaders and white church and educational leaders as he can. Dr. Parrish is an ideal person for this since he is the one Negro professor retained at Louisville when the colleges were merged.

Promise has been made by the ~~Episcopal~~ National ~~Conference~~ Council of the Episcopal to ~~give one~~ lend one Church of their staff members for such a visit, the National Council will send a third man, Al. Kramer, to work in South Virginia; their head of race relations, Oscar Lee, will tour the South, urging Negro church leadership to join in the discussions, and the Friends ~~has~~ have promised that Anne Queen can work in Western North Carolina.

In all of this work the Council will act as coordinator, trying to see that all the territory is covered and that necessary information is given, and SRC will receive a copy of the report which the person will make to his own organization. In this way it is hoped that the whole South will be covered. The National Council is working with ~~other~~ the various denominations to get similar cooperative effort from them.

Dr. Mitchell then discussed with the group his plan for training teachers or teaching supervisors who would be experts in ~~xxxxxxx~~ human relations. He advanced the idea that there are now no people in the school system who could deal with the many problems which will ~~xxx~~ come up in the change-over. His proposal was that some teacher training group, such as Peabody Teachers College, pick outstanding teachers who ~~xxxxxx~~ ability and experience made them peculiarly fitted for such jobs, and give them six weeks or so in special training in human relations. They would then be available to go to places of tension and work out the problems, and counsel with the schools staff.

He then reported on an instance of integration in a veterans training program in one of the Southern states. News of this program ~~xxxxxxx~~ had come to him from a friend. He then called people in several other states to suggest that such a program might be feasible there and asked them to investigate the possibilities.

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The meeting adjourned at 12:30.p.m.

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC.

Minutes of Executive Committee Meeting
February 10, 1954

The Executive Committee of the Southern Regional Council, Inc. met in the Council's office on Wednesday, February 10th at 10:00 a.m.

Present were:

Marion A. Wright	Leonard Haas
Paul Christopher	George S. Mitchell
Rev. Maurice Shean	Harold C. Fleming
Alfred Mynders	Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Mrs. C. M. Birnie	Anna Holden
Jphn A. Griffin	Helen Hain
Harry V. Richardson	Katherine Stoney

Mr. Wright presided in the absence of the chairman, Dr. Clement. The invocation was given by Father Shean.

The meeting opened with a finance report (see attached) and report on membership given by Dr. Mitchell and the secretary-treasurer. The secretary-treasurer presented copies of the audit report for 1953 and a report of finances for January 1954. She reported that as of the end of 1953 the deficit had again been reduced by approximately half. Outstanding bills at the end of the year were for salaries and printing - all others having been paid. Receipts in January were low and the accounts due at the end of January high because of necessary purchases of supplies.

Dr. Mitchell reported that the membership figures for 1953 were distressingly low. This was accounted for in part by the fact that the Council has had no membership secretary for the past year and so only limited work could be done on correspondence for recruiting. The main factor, however, is the necessity of personal invitation and recruiting for any real additions to our membership. With the present state divisions either weak or inactive and with no field staff to work in the states, little has been done to keep active membership.

The opinion was also expressed that people are afraid of joining any sort of organization in these days when all are being subject to question.

In his report on activities for the end of 1953 and beginning of 1954, the Executive Director called attention to the round-up of the Council's work for 1953 which was distributed. He reviewed the history of the idea of local discussion groups which the Council has been giving attention to, told of events leading to the publishing of the QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS pamphlet, and of the distribution and evidence of wide usage of this pamphlet. He cited groups - labor, church, civic, and educational, which had ordered large numbers for distribution, and gave reports on the progress of local discussion groups where such information has been sent to the Council.

He reported also on the work done by two staff members of the National Council of Churches of Christ in America who had been loaned to the Council for actual visiting in Kentucky and South Carolina. These men

had visited key people in towns and cities in these states, urging them to promote discussion groups and to work toward a calm, sensible action program to comply with the decision of the Supreme Court. A detailed report by Mr. Vastine was sent to the members of the Committee and much favorable comment was made upon this work. Mr. Haas suggested that the report be given wide circulation.

Father Shean commented on the work of Mr. Hunt in South Carolina, especially around Rock Hill and Dr. Mitchell said that a more detailed report would be coming from Mr. Hunt after the trip was completed.

Dr. Mitchell also reported that the Council had undertaken to finance a similar trip to be made by Dr. C. L. Parrish, University of Louisville professor of sociology, who is on leave for this term. Dr. Parrish will visit through Alabama for three weeks, seeing as many of the Negro leaders and white church and educational leaders as he can. Dr. Parrish is an ideal person for this since he is the one Negro professor retained at Louisville when the colleges were merged.

Promise has been made by the National Council of the Episcopal Church to lend one of their staff members for such a visit, the National Council of Churches will send a third man, Al Kramer, to work in South Virginia; their head of race relations, Oscar Lee, will tour the South, urging Negro church leadership to join in the discussions, and the Friends have promised that Anne Queen can work in Western North Carolina.

In all of this work the Council will act as coordinator, trying to see that all the territory is covered and that necessary information is given, and SRC will receive a copy of the report which the person will make to his own organization. In this way it is hoped that the whole South will be covered. The National Council is working with the various denominations to get similar cooperative effort from them.

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Respectfully submitted,

Katherine Stoney
Secretary-Treasurer

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC.

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RECEIPTS

Contributions from Individuals	$ 71.00
Contributions from Organizations (United Jewish Appeal, Columbis, S. C.)	75.00
Contributions from Churches (Board of Education, The Methodist Church)	300.00
Contributions from Foundations (Edgar Stern Family Fund - $300.00) (Lucius and Eva Eastman Fund - $250.00) (Samuel & Augusta Rosenwald Fund - $200.00)	750.00
Members Dues	165.00
New South Subscriptions	40.00
Sale of Literature	470.12
Honorarium	25.00
Travel refunds	22.91
Total Receipts	$ 1919.03

DISBURSEMENTS

Salaries	$ 1349.99
Social Security (for Dec. '53)	1.22
Rent	105.00
Postage	20.57
Georgia Sales Tax	14.16
Office Supplies	6.42
Books & subscriptions	.60
Total Disbursements	$ 1497.96

Recapitulation:

Balance, January 1, 1954	$ 37.43
Receipts	1919.03
	1956.46
Disbursements	1497.96
Balance, February 1, 1954	$ 458.50

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE - Jan 31, 1954.

Salaries:		
G.S. Mitchell	$ 783.34	
H.C.Fleming	250.00	
Katherine Stoney	333.32	
Anna Holden	333.32	
Mrs. M.E. Tilly	250.00	
Mrs. Helen Hain	112.50	$ 2062.48
Stein Printing Co.		1571.06
Telephone		153.83
L.E. Campbell, Auditor		75.00
Mimeograph Co.		89.70
Office Supply Co.		22.01
Columbia Ribbon & Carbon Co.		26.42
Royal Typewriter Co.		5.67
Elliott Addressing Machine Co.		3.26
M. A. Wright for stenographic help		24.75
Due to State Divisions		101.50
Total		$ 4135.68

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC.

Finance report for March 1954

Balance on hand, March 1, 1954		$ 42.41
RECEIPTS		
Contributions from Individuals*	$ 739.50	
Contributions from Organizations	1700.00	
(Congress of Industrial Organizations-$1000.		
(United Rubber Workers-CIO - $200.		
(International Ladies' Garment Workers		
(Union -AFL - $500.		
Contributions from Churches	269.00	
(Division of National Missions, Methodist		
(Church - $250.		
(Circle 10, Glenn Mem. Church, Atlanta-$4.		
(Woman's Aux., Diocese of Florida, Episcopal		
(Church - $15.		
Contributions from Foundations	5300.00	
(Fund for the Republic - $5,000.**		
(Marion R. Ascoli Fund - $300.		
Members Dues	625.50	
New South Subscriptions	67.25	
Sale of literature	491.77	
Interest earned ***	9.38	
Postage refunds	8.13	
Total Receipts		9210.53
		9252.94

(* Incoudes $543.46 from sale
of stock given by Miss Strauss)
(** Special grant for pamphlet)
(*** Dividend on stock)

DISBURSEMENTS		
Salaries	$ 3083.32	
Social Security	50.04	
Printing	698.99	
Rent	105.00	
Travel	129.04	
Office supplies	186.00	
Telephone & Telegraph	148.27	
Special Services *	144.99	
Audit fee	75.00	
Insurance	25.01	
Books & subscriptions	18.50	
Williamsburg Conference (travel)	60.33	
Georgia sales tax	.80	
Payment of note	990.00	
Interest expense	10.00	
Bank exchange fees	.55	
Total disbursements		5725.84
BALANCE ON HAND, April 1, 1954		$ 3527.10

(* Includes payment)
(for work on "Mountain)
(Project")

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC.

Schedule of Accounts Payable as of March 31, 1954

George S.Mitchell, salary	$ 366.67
Katherine Stoney, salary	333.32
Anna Holden, salary	166.66
Mrs. M.E. Tilly, salary	125.00
C. H. Parrish, salary for work in Alabama on "Schools and Courts"	300.00
Stein Printing Co.	951.23
Stein Printing Co. (New South)	186.39
Atlanta Envelope Co.	201.92
Southern Bell Tel. Co.	54.33
Stein Printing Co. (office supp.)	35.30
The Mimeograph Co.	20.07
Columbia Ribbon & Carbon Co.	5.67
Office Supply Co.	6.34
Mr. Abram (telephone call)	3.63
Harvard Business Review	1.00
Elliott Addressing Machine Co.	2.95
Due to State Divisions	345.00
Total Accounts Payable	$ 3105.48

MINUTES OF MEETING OF SRC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

April 6, 1954

The Executive Committee of SRC met in the Council's office on April 6, 1954. The meeting opened at 10:10 with president Marion Wright presiding in the absence of the chairman. Present were:

M. A. Wright	John Griffin	Katherine Stoney
Alfred Mynders	Harold Fleming	
Paul Christopher	George S, Mitchell	
Leonard Haas	Mrs. M. E. Tilly	
Mrs. C. M. Birnie	Anna Holden	

Mrs. Tilly gave the invocation. /On motion The reading of the minutes of the meeting of Feb. 10 was waived ~~xx~~.

Report on Commission on Equal Penalties

President Wright gave a report on the progress of the Commission on Equal Penalties which he has now undertaken to direct at Dr. Mitchell's request. Mr. Wright reported ~~that the work started first of all to interest the deans xxx~~ that the first plan had been to try to interest the deans or professors in four law schools to appoint some of their law students to gather material indicating the discrepencies in penalties. Mr. Wright and Dr. Mitchell had visited Dean Hepburn of Emory who expressed some interest. He gave them names of four professors who might beninterested and Mr. Wright ~~xxx~~ wrote to them. No answers came so he wrote a second and got replies from three. They were willing to go along but showed no great enthusiasm. Mr. ~~xxxx~~ Wright then decided that such work need not be done by law students ~~but might be done by xxxx~~. He then wrote to Prof. Ira Reid of Haverford College asking him whether there might be some Quaker students who would be interested in working on this project during the summer months. He received a telegram saying that he would like full details by April 5th and that five students were interested in the project. Mr. Wright was to send information as to what they were expected to do, when they would begin and what compensation they would receive.

Mr. Wright suggested that there be 6 students, that they must meet with Dr. Reid's approval and that they begin as soon as their summer vacation began. They are to be assigned to specific cities or counties to study the records and gather evidence on penalties meted out for crimes of various categories. Mr. Wright agreed that the students should receive an allowance of $50.00 per week plus travel expenses from Haverford to the point of work and return.

Mr. Wright then went down to Miami for an interview with Judge Spirer. He had a very successful conference, found that the Judge's ideas were somewhat at variance with his - he felt that the ~~xxxxx~~ study should not try to cover a large territory since it could not do a thorough job but that rather it should do a complete job on one county which might be used as a model for other counties.

Mr. Wright felt that if we could draw support for the equal penalties if it could be established that the study was something in the nature of a cross-section of the South. He suggested that selection be made of three counties with consideration being given to population and per capita income, and that three cities be chosen on the same basis. The claim then might be made that whatever the records disclosed would probably apply to the South as a whole. He felt that if we were to make a Southwide appeal we would have to do more than one county.

Present plans are that a student will be sent to the Georgia state penitentary to go over the records getting name, age, sex, crime for which convicted and length of service. He said that he had been informed that state records would not show race - that they would have to go to the place of inception of the crimnal to get the record as to race. Also the records at the state pen. would not show whether the crime was interracial or intra-racial. In some cases when there is no record in the place of original arrest it will be necessary to take name of prisoner, date of crime and nature of crime and then search the newspapers in the place where the crime was committee for such information. Since only spectacular crimes are reported, it is not possible to be absolutely accurate but he thought it would be fairly accurate if pen. records on committments were taken.

He thought it would be profitable to study capital crimes since the records show that the penalty of gallows or electric chair has been given to many more Negroes than whites. Mr. Wright also suggested that study be made of Juveniles, taking the age of 18 and below, with respect to the handling of cases of Negroes and whites.

Mr. Wright concluded that little help could be gotten from the deans of law schools for actual research but that most of our work would be done by the Quaker students.

Mr. Spirer also suggested that the most important person to be consulted is a competent statistician who could tell which of the counties in the several states were most representative , could help with selection of the counties and cities and could make deductions from the records on what the students had found.

He is trying to get Dr. Guy Johnson of UNC to work with the commission in this capacity.

Matters left to the decided upon are the following:

Personnel of the commission

States to be covered

Counties and cities to be covered

Crimes to be investigated

Period of time to be covered

Mr. Wright had the following suggestions for the personnel of the commission:

A commission of nine including both races, 1 Catholic, 1 Jew and one woman. He suggested that the Executive Committee members write him with any suggestions for personnel which they might have. Mrs. Tilly suggested Miss Lora Pederson as a possible member.

On motion, it was agreed that the details of the commission be left to Mr. Wright and the SRC staff, that Mr. Wright would continue to investigate possibilities, would make tentative decisions and then refer them to the staff before going ahead.

Mr. Haas asked what character was wanted for members on the commission

Mr. Wright gave as his idea that there might be one retired judge, one liberal Protestant clergyman, one Catholic layman, one Rabbi .

After discussion it was decided that Mr. Paul Williams would not be disqualified because of his membership on the SRC Board and would be a good choice for the commission. The matter was stressed however, that members of the Commission should be chosen from outside SRC in most cases.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

The Executive Director reported that he had written to some dignitary in each of the religious denominations and groups on the matter of the attitude of children toward the Negro children should there be integration in the schools. He called to their attention the fact that the children will reflect the attitude of their parents and suggested that education be begun to have the parents take an attitude of being nice to the new children and so instructing their children.

He reported that the had received cooperative letters from leaders in the groups saying that they would try to weave in this philosophy in their work in the church.

Dr. Mitchell reported good luck with the travelers who had worked in the various areas on the matter of the "schools and the courts". The National Council of Churches had sent three men - one to central Kentucky, one to South Carolina and one into Southeast Virginia. Additionally their head man will make a tour of the South talking with church officers and leaders, mainly Negro. The Congregational Church sent Galen Weaver to central North Carolina. The Methodist Woman's Society has made available seven local women leaders. None of them has yet accepted the job but they have been written and it is believed that 3 or 4 of them will do some visiting. The Episcopal Church has endorsed this "operation log across the creek" and has detailed Mrs. Clarkson to travel in North Carolina in the area from Winston-Salem to Asheville, in mid-May. The Northern Presbyterians will send a person to Tenn. and Texas., probably in mid-June. Others people willbe sent by the Lutherans and the Disciples of Christ and probably the Quakers . The Council's function in this is to assign the territory, coach the visitors, give them names of people to be seen and receive a copy of their reports. Expenses are paid by the groups sending them and they work generally with the members of their own groups.

Dr. Mitchell reported that he had made the usual round of speeches, giving special mention to a meeting in Rock Hill, S. C. Some years ago Rock Hill was making plans for a self-survey but it was blocked. Now, due to a change in the town's leadership, interest has again been aroused and plans are going ahead. Recently the mayor appointed a committee of 20 citizens of both races to study the needs and make recommendations.

Dr. Mitchell also traced the recent events leading to the grant which the Council received from the Ford Foundation's Fund for the Republic. He reported on the visit to Atlanta of Frank Leescher, adviser to the Fund, and of his subsequent suggestion that the Council submit a request of about $500,000. Thus the original

application for a grant of $1,400,000. to do program in 13 states for five years and to maintain a strong central office with money for research has now been reduced to a program in 12 states for 3 to 3½ years, with no money for research and with only 1 professional staff and 1 clericle staff for each state, the services of the Negro Associate secretaries being shared by two or three states each. Additions to the Central office staff will include more clericle help plus an Associate Executive Director and a Program Director.

One of the conditions on which the grant was made was that the Council should raise money both for the state programs and for the central office. Each state is committed to raise $1,800. in the first year (or 18 months), $3,500. in the second year and $6,500. in the 3rd year. The central office is also committed to raise in the first 18 months $40,000. When Dr. Mitchell and Mr. Abram went to Philadelphia to confer with Mr. Loescher and Mr. Freeman of the Fund, it was agreed that the members of the Council's Board and Executive Committee would work with the staff toward the raising of the necessary funds. Dr. Mitchell then said that because of the lapses in getting work underway the budget for the 18 months has been cut by 35% thus arriving at the sum just under $240,000.

The appeal having been presented to the Board of the Fund and the grant having been approved by them, payment of the first part was presented to the group by the President to whom it had been sent. With due solemnity the letter containing the check was opened and the letter and check read to the committee. The check for the first payment was $240,000.

The letter from the Fund for the Republic stressed the importance of the Council getting support from within the South and stated that the grant was given on the condition that the members would rally to the support and raise the amounts which were indicated in the appeal. It also stated that further payments would be dependent on both the progress in program and in fund raising.

The Fund for the Republic said that the news of the grant might be

publicized but that they would like the privilege of seeing the release before it was given to the papers. The Council had prepared such a release which had been approved by the Fund and was now presented to the Committe for their approval. The release was presented in the form of a statement to be made by the Committee on the grant and the purpose for which it would be used.

At this point Mr. Abram came into the meeting and was introduced. He said that he came to sound a note of warning about the need for the Board and membership to support the Council by raising funds. He said that when he talked with Messrs. Freeman and Loescher he assured them that he personally would work toward that end and that he was sure other Board members would do so. He expressed the belief that more money would be forthcoming now that the Council was on a firmer basis - that people had felt that they might be contributing to a dying organization. Mr. Haas stressed the fact that we had failed to get adequate support from the South.

After Mr. Abram's discussion the group returned to discussion of the statement. Some thought was given to the change in the Council's structure, to whether this would be understood by the members in the region and whether some clarification should be made. It was decided to insert the word "now" in the sentence making it read, "the Council now becomes". Discussion was also given to the use of the word "Board" to describe the Council and the conclusion was that the word is used much as "group" in this instance.

On motion by Mr. Myhders, seconded by Mr. Haas, the statement was approved with the above changes.

Dr. Mitchell then reported on the proposed Williamsburg Conference. This conference grew out of an idea which Mr. Loescher got on his visit South. It was proposed to gather together some 15 to 20 people from over the South who would discuss the coming Supreme Court decision on segregation in the schools and woul come up with ideas for projects to be undertaken - short range in the next 6 months and longer range in the next five years. These would be possible undertakings for groups supported by Foundations or Funds interested in the matter. The Fund for the Republic agreed to provide funds for such a conference and at first asked Phil Hammer to be cprrelator. When he was unable to do so, the Council was asked to undertake the task.

The conference is not to be an SRC conference nor a Ford Foundation conference or anybody's in particular but is to be a gathering together of people interested in education and in desegregation who can plan for the best ways of work. Williamsburg was chosen because its hotels and other places are now open to all people. Arrangements have been made for the group to be housed in the Brick House Tavern with meals and other arrangements made. The conference will begin on Thursday, May 6th with dinner and an evening session and go through noon on Sunday, May 9th. Steering Committee for the Conference are Dr. Will Alexander, Malcolm Calhoun, Grace Hamilton, Charles Johnson, George Mitchell, Harold Fleming. The list of those persons invited to the conference was read. On the question of publicity of the findings it was announced that the press would not be invited, that the conference would be to gather information and ideas for promoting philanthropic endeavors and that they wanted a franker report on findings than could be issued in a public document.

Dr.Mitchell also reported on the proposed boil-down of the Ashemore Report to be done for the Public Affairs Pamphlets by Harold Fleming and the one to be done by Mr. Fleming on the Ashemore Report for the Council. The former would be a straight factual statement from the report while the Council's pamphlet would deal more with action to be taken on the findings of the report. The Fund for the Republic has granted the Council $5,000. for expenses of their publication.

Some time was then given to a discussion of the possible publication of a map showing the percentage of Negro population in the various counties of the Southern states. This would be included in the Public Affairs Pamphlets issue on the Ashmore Report. Reasons for not including the map were cited as follows:

The NAACP in its suits has asked the Court to rule on the constitutionality of segregation per se. If this device of showing population areas where it would be economically sound to integrate while others might be continued as a dual system were widely circulated, it might lead to an avasion of the question as such by the public. The opinion is that the case should be

decided on the basis of what it constitutional rather than what is economical or expedient.

Arguments in favor of publishing the map were that it showed facts in population ratio of which most Southern people were not aware, that it might help speed desegregation in some places where the population ratio was low, and that if it were published as factual with no comment, there would probably be no adverse effects.

Dr. Mitchell called attention at this point to the fact that he has been working on a special study of the mountain areas with respect to their historical attitude toward segregation and the Civil War, that he had commissioned a student at Emory to make such a study and prepare a MS .

Various members of the committee then spoke of ways in which the map might be used to advantage, the agreement was reached that the map might certainly be used if the Court had rendered a decision by the time the pamphlet was issued, and the general agreement was that no great harm could come from its publication without comment.

REPORT OF DIRECTOR OF WOMEN'S WORK

Mrs. Tilly reported on her activities for the recent months calling attention to the many invitations which she has had to speak to church groups and other such groups on the matter of how we get ready for the end of segregation. She indicated that most of the groups seemed to feel that segregation would come to an end and were anxious to find the best ways to bring it about with a peaceful adjustment.

REPORT OF ASSISTANT DIRECTOR

Harold Fleming reported on the publicity given the Council and New South. He cited especially follow-up on the issue on Library service telling of additions to the information we had and requests for copies. He also spoke of the issue carrying the article by Dr. Mays.

He reported on the arrangement made between the Council, the American Jewish Committee and Ralph McGill for the reprinting of Mr. McGill's columns on

segregation. The AJC had asked permission from Mr. McGill to reprint and distribute them. He had agreed that they should be done only through the Council and so the arrangement had been made. The bulk of the first printing was ordered by the CIO Educational Division, with the AJC contacting other labor and other groups for possible sales.

In a discussion of the By-laws which were adopted by the Annual Meeting of the Council May 13, 1954, and were to be implemented by this meeting of the Executive Committee, the following additions were requested.

1. An amendment defining the duties of the Executive Committee
2. An amendment defining the duties of the Assistant Director
3. Eliminate word all in description of members who elect to vacancies on the Council.

On motion it was voted to put the by-laws in effect at this meeting with the provision that the additional amendments be drafted, presented and voted upon at the next annual meeting.

SECURITY OF FUNDS

When the committee reconvened after lunch discussion was given to the security of the funds now in hand from the Fund for the Republic. After a discussion of possible depositories for the funds, depository bonds, etc. the following resolution was adopted.

ON MOTION , it was voted unanimously that the banking or other such security of the funds now on hand from the grant made by the Fund for the Republic be left to the judgment of the staff who will act under advice of the Counsel, Mr. Haas.

It was also voted to increase the bond now carried on the Executive Director and the Secretary-Treasurer of the Council to $50,000.

Mr. Christopher called attention to the need for the Council's having Workman's Compensation on all employees and the Executive Director and Secretary-Treasurer were asked to take care of this matter with advise from Mr.Haas.

Dr. Mitchell then introduced the matter of the opening of the state offices and the schedule for beginning of activities in each state. Since the request to the Fund had allowed for lapses, and the amount available was therefore sufficient for about 12 months rather than 18 months, it would be necessary to begin the state division activities at different times unless some of them could raise extra funds and thus get started earlier. Dr. Mitchell gave reasons for beginning earlier in some states and the group discussed possible times, matters of policy with regard to employment of personnel, forms of reporting and particularly the matter of political activity by the state groups. Since the Council is tax exempt and therefore cannot engage in any political activity without danger of losing that exemption, it was agreed that all the state divisions receiving money from the Council should be committed to a policy of no political activity with the strictest observance of same. Various ways of insuring this and of other personnel procedures were discussed.

Mr. Wright then raised the question of the necessity of getting support for the Central Office. The Central Office is obligated to raise $40,000. for the 18 months period over and above the $21,600. which the state groups must get. Since they state groups will be soliciting all their own sources, it is going to be difficult for the Council to get anything from these states. Among the suggestions were that the State Divisions, receiving financial aid and coordinating and supervisory help from the Council, might be asked to contribute a sum each year to the Central office, looking toward the day when they would be self-sustaining and would have an obligation to support or help to support the coordinating central office. Another suggestion was that members of the Council's Board be asked to raise money during the year. Others suggested foundations and other sources.

In the discussion of the setting up of state groups, Dr. Mitchell said that he was aiming for as much autonomy in the State groups as could be possible.

The Council would ~~suggest~~ make suggestions for program which the groups might work from but they would be left to make final decision. He would suppose that each state division would meet sometime in the next ~~few~~ month or so to make plans both for raising the necessary money to meet their committment and for planning for program and staff. Staff would be employed by the state people with approval from the Central Office. ~~Six~~ Salary checks for all employees would go out from the Central Office - arrangements for other payments to be worked out.

The matter of the choice of Associate Executive Director was then considered. Dr. Mitchell proposed the selection of Mrs. Grace T, Hamilton and spoke of her qualifications ~~[illegible]~~. It was agreed that he would consult with the Negro members of the Executive Committee before any final decision was made. The other position to be filled for the Central Office ~~[illegible]~~ was that of Program Director. This would be a person to work with the state groups on program ~~[illegible]~~ since the time of the Executive Director would be needed to do fund raising as well as administrative and other jobs.

It was noted that the original appeal to the Ford Foundation had asked for money for research. This had been misunderstood by the Foundation staff who thought that it was not necessary to the Council, Hence only a single staff person can be employed to do research.

In a discussion on NEW SOUTH it was noted that by 1955 the publication would probably be expanded. The Council had appealed to the Field Foundation for funds to pay printing and postage costs for the balance of 1954 and would suppose that by 1955 the publication could be more nearly self-supporting by virtue of added subscriptions and probably increase in price.

It was announced that a member of the SRC Board had been asked to prepare a model of by-laws for the aid of the State Divisions in drawing up their own.

The Committee agreed that the next annual meeting of the Council should be planned for November 1954

There being no further business, the ~~[illegible]~~ meeting adjourned.

MINUTES OF MEETING OF SRC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

April 6, 1954

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. at the Council's office in Atlanta, with President Marion A. Wright presiding in absence of the chairman. Present were:

Mrs. C. M. Birnie	Anna Holden
Paul Christopher	George S. Mitchell
Harold Fleming	Alfred Mynders
John Griffin	Katherine Stoney
Leonard Haas	M. A. Wright
Mrs. M. E. Tilly	

After invocation by Mrs. Tilly, on motion the minutes of the meeting of February 10, '54 was dispensed with. President Wright reported on his preparations for the Commission on Equal Penalties in Courts of Law. Correspondence with deans or professors in four law schools having elicited only a disappointing show of interest and activity, he had corresponded with Professor Ira Reid, at Haverford College, with the view of getting the services of several students to do the job which the Commission might require. Arrangements have been made for a group of students to give their time during this coming Summer with an allowance of $50.00 per week and travel from Haverford to point of work and return. He further reported on his interview with Judge Spirer of Miami. After further discussion and description of the plans, on motion it was agreed that the details of the Commission be left to Mr. Wright and the staff; Mr. Wright to continue to work out the matter in conjunction with the staff of the Southern Regional Council.

Report of the Executive Director

Review was given of the contacts made of the leading religious denominations on the matter of education of children toward incoming children in the event of integration in schools. Another program reviewed was the work with the National Council of Churches and various other denominations in getting travellers to go out, not at SRC expense, and bring together local and, wherever possible, interracial discussion groups on issues coming up with the forthcoming Supreme Court decision. The National Council has sent three men. The Congregational Church has sent one, the Episcopalian Church has promised one, and the Methodist Church has promised up to seven women leaders for work of this kind. Interest has been shown, also, by the Northern Presbyterians, the Lutherans, the Quakers, and the Disciples of Christ.

Report was made of the encouraging movement underway in Rock Hill, South Carolina towards a possible self-survey in that city. Dr. Mitchell reviewed the various negotiations with the officials of the Fund for the Republic and described in detail the terms of the grant of $240,000 by the Fund to the Council for a first period of aid to State programs by the Central office, reaching over 18 months from April 1, 1954. Stress was laid upon the importance of the sums to be raised by each reorganized State group and by the Central Office.

Mr. Morris Abram, a member of the Board, having come into the meeting, reviewed for those present the sense of urgency he had received in contacts with Freeman as to the funds to be raised by the Southern Regional Council itself.

The Committee then reviewed in some detail a statement soon to be issued by the Executive Committee as to the Fund for the Republic, and approved it as follows:

"We are pleased to announce that the Fund for the Republic has approved a grant of $240,000 to assist the Southern Regional Council's educational program in twelve Southern States for an 18-month period. The Fund for the Republic, which was established by the Ford Foundation in December 1952, is concerned with preserving and extending those individual rights which are the essence of our American heritage. The Southern Regional Council, since its founding in 1944, has expressed that concern as it exists among thoughtful people of both races in the South. As the successor to the Commission on Interracial Cooperation, the Council goes back, in experience and good will, to 1919. Its aim is the attainment of equal opportunity for all the people of the South.

Throughout these years the Council, like the Commission before it, has sought to unite the best of Southern thought and leadership, without racial distinctions. It has employed the familiar methods of fact-finding, conference, and persuasion, and has fostered the development of state divisions and affiliates through which its members might work in their respective states and communities. The central office in Atlanta coordinates and services the state groups and individual members throughout the region.

The grant from the Fund for the Republic, together with contributions from other sources, will make possible stronger and more independent state bodies. It is contemplated that each state organization affiliated with the Council shall have its own membership, governing board, and officers. The greater part of the newly available funds will be used to enable the state groups to employ professional staff persons, white and Negro. Thus each Southern state will have a full-time human relations service, available to both public officials and private citizens, maintained and directed by local leadership. The states to be included are Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, and Virginia.

The grant of funds is in reality a challenge to the strengthened state bodies to win the local support necessary to become self-sustaining human relations agencies.

The Southern Regional Council proper will now consist of a widely representative board drawn from both races and every state in the region. The Atlanta office will continue to perform fact-finding, information, and coordinating functions.

We believe that this approach is well suited to the human relations needs of the South. It puts major reliance where it belongs -- on local responsibility and initiative -- and it gives opportunity for the constructive forces in every Southern state to work effectively.

This pattern has characterized the activities of the Southern Regional Council from the beginning, and with heartening results. It has helped secure the right of Negro citizens to vote without hindrance. It has provided a network of Southern people with the will and the know-how to curb racial tension and violence. It has helped make possible the employment of Negro policemen and other municipal workers in scores of Southern cities. It has spread the example of the self-survey, through which a number of communities have achieved cooperation and progress across the lines of race. It has mobilized church women in a Southwide effort for impartial law enforcement and equal justice in the courts. It has stimulated local groups to study and seek correction of school inequalities. It has made widely known every Southern precendent for the dropping of racial barriers -- in professional associations, higher education, transportation, public libraries, and the like.

The impending Supreme Court decision on public school segregation-- whatever it may be -- will call for all that is best and most responsible in Southern life. Fortunately, there is abundant and growing evidence today of Southern willingness to find positive, democratic solutions to the problems of the region. It is our hope and belief that the Southern Regional Council through its expanded state services, will make an important contribution to this effort.

The Executive Committee of the Southern Regional Council expresses its gratitude to the Fund for the Republic for putting this new strength into the growth of human opportunity in the South. "

Dr. Mitchell then reported on the proposed conference at Williamsburg, May 6, 7, 8, and 9, drawing together twenty-odd people over the South who would draw up plans for maximum advantage from whatever may be the forthcoming decision of the Court. He stressed that the conference is not specifically an SRC gathering but is a service being performed by the Southern Regional Council, without any special organizational interest.

It was stated that the reduced version of the Ashmore Report, done by Mr. Fleming for the Public Affairs Committee, had been completed and that the Council was proceeding with its own reduced version, for which a grant of $5,000, previously announced to the Executive Committee, had been received some time back. The Executive Director displayed a map based on the Census of 1950, showing the distribution of the white and Negro population in the Southern States. And afterwards, it was agreed by those present that the map should be included in the issue on the Ashmore Report?

Mention was made, also, of the idea of strengthening the traditions in the mountain areas of an independent attitude on questions of civil liberties and educational programs.

Report of the Director of Women's Work

Mrs. Tilly reviewed the various speaking engagements she had filled with Church groups on matters of school integration and otherwise. It was her view that the feeling is wide-spread that segregation was approaching its end, and people are anxious to work out the best ways of peaceful adjustment.

Report of the Assistant Director

Harold Fleming reviewed the various pick-ups of material carried in New South, speaking particularly of the issue on library integration and the one carrying the article by Dr. Benjamin E. Mays. He mentioned the reprinting made by the Council of Ralph McGill's column on segregation.

By-Laws

The Executive Committee, after discussion of the By-Laws adopted at the membership meeting May 14, 1953, and to be implemented at the pleasure of the Executive Committee, made the following suggestions:

1. An ammendment defining the duties of the Executive Committee
2. An ammendment defining the duties of the Assistant Director
3. Eliminate the word all in description of members who are elected to vacancies on the Council.

On motion, the Executive Committee brought the By-Laws of May, 1953, into effect as of April 6, 1954, by making the proviso that ammendments to accomplish the purposes set out in 1, 2, and 3, above, be drafted, presented, and voted upon at the next annual meeting.

Securing Funds

When the Committee reconvened after lunch, it was stated, on motion, that the banking and all security of funds now on hand from the Fund for the Republic be left to the staff, acting on the advice of the Counsel, Mr. Leonard Hass.

Upon motion, it was voted to increase the bond now carried on the Executive Director and the Secretary-Treasurerto $50,000 each.

Mr. Christopher called attention to the need for having Workmen's Compensation for employees and the Executive Director and Secretary-Treasurer were asked to take care of this matter through Mr. Haas. The Executive Director reviewed the matter of times when the various new state programs could be set in motion, explaining that while the total grant was made available for 18 months, money was available which would only cover about 12 months of operation for each state, and it would therefore be necessary for the state programs to get underway with SRC assistance at a date around October 1, 1954.

Mr. Wright asked those present to draw up workable plans for bringing in the sums needful to be raised for the Central Office. He further proposed that each State Division meet sometime during the coming month for planning programs and staff, and means to get the money they will need to raise.

The matter of a choice of an Assistant Executive Director

Dr. Mitchell proposed the selection of Mrs. Grace Towns Hamilton, currently Director of the Atlanta Urban League, and it was agreed that a final decision would be made after a consultation with additional members of the Executive Committee.

In the discussion on New South, it was noted that the staff proposed that the magazine run as at present during 1954, but that it be expanded and improved beginning January 1, 1955.

The Committee agreed that the next annual meeting of the Council be planned for November, 1954. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted

Katherine Stoney

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~~MINUTES~~ Notes ON MEETING OF SRC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

July 30, 1954

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. in the Conference Room of the Southern Education Foundation Building, 811 Cypress Street, Atlanta, with the Chairman, Rufus E. Clement, presiding.

Present were:

Mrs. C. M. Birnie	Dr. Albert W. Dent
Harold Fleming	George S. Mitchell
John Griffin	Katherine Stoney
Leonard Haas	Marion A. Wright
Gordon B. Hancock	Mrs. M. E. Tilly

Mrs. Grace T. Hamilton

I. Executive Session for first few minutes of meeting.

II. Report on Program and Organizational Status.

The Executive Director reported on activities, beginning April 10. Reported on travel as follows: Met with Institute on how to desegregate schools at Howard University; Quaker Institute at Guilford College; A.F.ofL. Labor School at University of Kentucky; NAACP Convention in Dallas; Consultant to the Town Council on the schools and segregation at Oak Ridge, Tennessee; taught at CIO Labor School at Junalusko; Fisk University Institute of Race Relations; University of Florida Seminar. (#) Reported on staff as follows: Mrs. Hamilton added to staff as Associate Executive Director, to act in that capacity during the Summer, after which she will be part-time Assistant Director. Employment of Elizabeth Brantley as Secretary to the Executive Director and Ruth House Alexander as Clerk was announced. Anna Holden is currently on leave at the University of North Carolina to complete her thesis.

One or two people were hired for special projects. C. H. Parrish, University of Louisville, - to travel during Summer to finger out leading figures in the field of inter-group relations in each state. Robert Menefee, Berea College, Kentucky was sent to the mountain areas to talk with editors, school officials, and community leaders. Earl Brewer -- to do a round-up of human relations agencies.

Commission for Equal Penalities ~~has proceeded much further and the~~ questionnaires have been sent on to Guy Johnson at the University of North Carolina, who has engaged Ernest A. T. Barth to do the tabulations.

New South for next year: New South has been running on a shoe string, and there is a need for money to expand the magazine. It is not desirable to have a larger magazine however, but funds are needed to provide for the expected increase in subscriptions after the State Divisions get underway. A request to the Field Foundation has been denied. A Letter has been written to the Doris Duke Foundation requesting funds.

The Executive Director said that SRC is going to need large blocks of money ~~of this kind~~ in order to fulfill commitment to the Fund for the Republic to raise $40,000. Expects to raise $20,000 or $25,000 in due course.

~~Reported on state organizations activity~~

Report on State activity: Alabama will be going ahead in October. Tennessee is difficult to arrange. North Carolina will be going ahead in October. South Carolina has elected Alex Spearman as it Executive Secretary. In Virginia, the Virginia Council of Churches are to retain their present jurisdictions and would not plan to expand their activities for so long as the Southern Regional Council was in the state. This organization, headed by Emerson Smith, is to be affiliated with the Southern Regional Council. Florida had had one small meeting; expect to have another in September. Georgia has employed Guy Wells as its Executive Secretary. Mississippi is slowly moving ahead. Chairman at Hendersonville. Has met with Texas Commission on Race Relations and they already have $1400 of $1800. Oklahoma was neglected completely. Kentucky wants to set up a small body called "The Council on Human Relations" not to exceed 35 members, representative of various organizations over the state. They would rather have one high style clerical person for their main staff personnel and use the other money for getting their program underway. Tydings expressed half-desire to be the part-paid staff members'

Marion A. Wright reported as follows:

Rabbi Mantinband is quite optimistic about Mississippi. He has had a conference with Hodding Carter who is much more interested in the division than he is willing to put forth much effort to actively participate. Hodding Carter will be responsible for raising $2,000 by writing twenty of his Mississippi friends scattered throughout the country. He felt that each of his friends could give $100. The Mississippi Division is considering two or three persons for the job of Executive Secretary.

George S. Mitchell reported: New Orleans Committee on Race Relations had $1500 and hired Milton Vigo as their Secretary. He has not yet obtained the services of a secretary or of an Associate, but promised to pick someone for the Associate position from somewhere in the state other than New Orleans.

Mrs. Tilly reported: Georgia is planning to have the full time services of a Negro Associate Secretary. Hughes Spaulding and Calloway have promised to back them.

Guy Well is responsible for PTA taking stand.

Marion A. Wright reported: North Carolina had a meeting in Raleigh which was equally divided as to Negro-white representation. The group adopted proposal to come in and raise funds. appointed a program committee and a committee to select the Executive Secretary. They agreed on draft of a letter to Governor Holmsted asking him to appoint a committee to advise the state as to what its action should be, giving two specific suggestions along this line: (1) proceed immediately to appoint the committee; and (2) it should be bi-racial in character, with firm leadership. Dr. Dent stated that the committee has been formed and that Harold Trigg is the Negro member.

Fleming reported: Have had stream of newspaper people, representatives of organizations, representatives of national media, and individuals;

Time, Newsweek, Associated Press, Washington Star, Chicago Sun Times, and Finnegan, a member of the Fund for the Republic's Board.

He is keeping a scrapbook of clippings re major Council activities. New York Behavioral Science Division had a meeting on what they could contribute during this period in the South, which Mr Fleming attended. Mentioned Blake Craft's attacks on SRC and said that he, Blake Craft, has been suspended from ministerial functions. Also mentioned the Augusta Courier, run by Roy Harris: (1) very much in favor or Reese committee's hearings on foundations -- attacks have been tied in with the Ford foundation; (2) Morris Abram is running for Congress and the paper is contributing to his campaign by discrediting the Council and Morris Abram's connections with it; (3) Harris considers it to his advantage to attack Ralph McGill, as replies could give publicity to Harris himself. He read "summation of facts" as appeared in the Augusta Courier. Said that the Statesman has picked up the story with the head-line "Serious Charges Demand Serious Answers." U.P. story was carried in the Savannah Press, Macon News, Macon Telegraph. Other mention was made of the Northside News and a Broadcast over WBGE playing up the article.

Tilly: National Assembly of Methodist Women. National Council of Churches at Kansas City was postponed. Sent out letters to every denomination affiliated with National Council. Read letters of reply. Had just returned from teaching at Junaluska and exhibited maps, etc., which she had used.

Marion A. Wright reported: Commission on Equal Penalties is a study of the effect of race in Southern Courts. Conferred with Guy Johnson, and Professor Jess Spirer at the University of Miami. They decided not to attempt a South-wide study and so picked six southern counties -- three urban and three rural -- Bartow, Bamberg, Attala, Forsythe, Montgomery and Caddo Parish. Attempted to get six law students by writing to Dean of Law Schools in the South. Wrote finally to Ira Reid at Haverford who sent six young sociology students. Investigation was limited to four specific categories (1) (2) (3) (4)

Also limited period to be studied to 5 years. The completed questionnaires have been turned over to Dr. Johnson who has assigned them to Ernest A. T. Barth, who had considerable experience along this line in the Army. Information is to be tabulated and put before a Commission of nine members. Both races and catholic and protestant religions to be represented. Members are to be chosen from list of thirty-five or so names received in reply to letters which MAW sent out to selected people. Suggested names are:

Virginia: Reverend W. Carroll Brooke
Armested L. Boothe

South Carolina: Earl Cooper
Luciene B. Wax
L. P. Hollis
William Gaines
Milton Williams
Samuel Price
Paul McMillan
G. Alfred Cole
Harry M.Rubin

Kentucky: Tarleton Collier
Mrs. Charles G. Tachau
Mrs. Abbey Clement Jackson

Georgia: Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Ralph McGill
Harry V. Richardson
W. C. Henson
Granger Hansen
Commander Frank W. Spencer
William B. Stubbs
Dr. Guy Wells
Judge E. Marvin Underwood

Mississippi: Hodding Carter

North Carolina: Hiden Ramsey
Lafayette Patterson
Ellen Winston
Judge John J. Parker
Clarence Poe

Alabama: H. Council Trenholm
Arthur Shores

Tennessee - Walter Chandler
W. Raymond Denny
Lucius E. Burch
Mrs. Tom Ragland
Mrs. E. U. Robinson

Arkansas: Pres.M. L. Harris
Dr. L. M. Christophe
J. R. Booker
Dr. L. A. Davis

Texas: Hobart Taylor
E. B. Evans
Carter Wesley
J. Edmund Smith
S. Thomas Friedman
J. D. McCloud

~~Mr. Haas questioned having no one on the Commission who was a member of the SRC.~~

~~Names were known~~
Discussion was opened on these names. Mrs. Hamilton asked what was the aimed for outcome? Answer: Judges in South are unaware that they are giving out sentences on basis of race. If these facts are made kn wn to them they might at least become aware of it. Dr. Dent suggested that at least one person from each of the six counties be chosen for the commission. Suggested for Louisiana: Monte Lemann; Isaac S. Heller; Loyola Law School, Dean of Law School; A. P. Tureaud; and John G. Lewis, Scotlandville, Louisiana.

A lot of time went into the meeting at Williamsburg , Virginia and the meeting was quite successful, reported the Executive Director. A number of things which have begun to happen around the South have been things which came out of the meeting.

III. Secretary-Treasurer's Report
financial
Summary/sheets were passed around.

(1.) Banking of grant from Fund for the Republic. Money was divided and deposited in savings accounts. (2) pointed out that almost no money has been spent from amount set aside for state divisions. (3) income for first three months slightly over $14,000. Second three months $6,000. July -- only $1600. But pointed out that the amounts received had been from all of the regular sources of income. Disbursements, travel budget , etc -- balance in Central Office fund is $68,000, which has to last from August 1 -54

to September 30, '55. Commission for Equal Penalties balance - $563.00. Have received about $20,000 of amount needed to fulfill commitment to the Fund for the Republic.

IV Central Office Operations

Proposed staff structure: Dr. Mitchell presented. Directly reporting to the Executive Committee are the Executive Director and the Secretary-Treasurer. Associate Director title is thought of as window dressing from time when it was thought necessary to have a white and negro person co-equal at the top of the organization. Two persons : Assistant Director in Charge of Program Development; one white and one Negro. They would travel about a good deal and assist the work of the state organizations. Assistant Director in Charge of Program Planning - Mrs. Hamilton. Assistant Director in Charge of Information and Research - Harold Fleming.

Proposed amendments to the By-Laws: Question as to whether it is in the power of the Executive Committee to approve By-Laws and recommend to the Board. Dr. Dent started the motion that:

"The Executive Committee recommends, through proper procedure, giving whatever notice, is required to the amendment as suggested here, at the annual meeting" -- it was stated that not only did the committee want to ask retroactive authority for this but that they would want to approve the structural changes as of the time of the meeting. Dr. Mitchell said that the Assistant Directors need to be persons who can go out and keep the state organizations together. Marion Wright said that in the job descriptions it was stated that the Assistant Director in Charge of Information and Research would be in charge in the absence of the Executive Director and that it also said that "Upon occasion" the Assistant Director for program planning is to be in charge in the Executive Director's absence. Article VI, Section 6 of the By-Laws read: "At the request of the Executive Director, or in the case of his absence or disability, one of the

Assistant Directors shall perform such other duties as, from time to time, may be assigned to him by the Executive Committee or by the Council." It was recommended that reference to person who takes charge in the absence of Executive Director be deleted from job descriptions. It was also recommended that a third signature be obtained for check-signing purposes in the absence of the Executive Director.

Arrangements have been made for a "Blanket Bond" covering persons affiliated with the Council and who handles money. Executive Director and Secretary-Treasurer are bonded for $40,000 each.

John Griffin suggested that third signature be obtained from person below the Executive Director and above the Assistant Directors.

Marion Wright ~~suggested that a resolution be adopted approving leaving only in Assistant Director for Information and Research Job description~~ moved that: "in the third paragraph of the Job Description we delete the language 'upon occasion' . . . to be in charge of the Council as a whole." This was duly approved by the Committee.

It was suggested that the salary designations be changed in accordance with the duties to be performed. It was also suggested that salary be deleted from the job descriptions. Suggested leaving out "part-time" on job description for Assistant Director for Program Development. On motion the job descriptions were approved by the Executive Committee pending the incorporation of the suggested changes.

On motion the designation of "four assistant directors" was amended to read "assistant directors" in Section 1 of Article VI. Also in Section 6 of Article VI delete "At the request of the executive director, or," and amend "in case of his absence or disability, one of the assistant directors shall perform the duties of the executive director, and he shall perform such other duties as, from time to time, may be assigned to him by the Executive Committee or by the Council," to read "In the absence or disability of the Executive Director, one of the Assistant Directors will be designated by the Executive

Ben Massell

Director or the Executive Committee to perform temporarily the duties of the Executive Director." On motion Section 6 of Article 6 was adopted with the above amendments.

Adjourned at 1:45 for lunch.

Office Space - Interracial Commission files. More floor space is needed for the central office of SRC. It becomes necessary to either move to another office building or to make better use of the floor space now occupied by SRC. The Secretary-Treasurer talked with Mr. McKibben and Mr. Brawner of the Wesley Memorial Church building re alterations, and they approved. In checking around on other floor space she discovered that the rent was very much higher. She has received an estimate of around $1700 for remodeling the office. This amount, plus present rent, would be a little less than that received from the Fund for the Republic for that purpose. She asked for suggestions as to other places to move. Dr. Mitchell said that he had talked with Ben (Massell), who said he would be willing to make space available and rent it to SRC at no more than cost of maintenance. But he, Dr. Mitchell, believes we are better off in the space SRC now occupies; a tangible asset being housed in the Methodist Church. Upon motion the proposed renovationof SRC offices, at about $1700, was approved by the Committee.

Procedure for professional hiring. GSM asked advice as to how the staff should be picked. On motion a program Committee was appointed composed of the president of the Council, the Executive Director of the Council, and one other person who must be elected by the Executive Committee, and that that Committee be authorized to engage and fix salaries of the personnel brought on. It was desired that that Committee draw up a statement of procedure and present it to the Executive Committee. Rufus E. Clement was nominated and accepted as the third member of the Program Committee.

Loyalty questionnaires. The Executive Director told of correspondence between himself and the President of the Council re loyalty questionnaires. Considerable discussion

was given to this. The president of the Council said that "we do run an organization which gets funds from organizations which are subject to investigation by such committess as the Resse Committee. . . since there is such a list, and since there is danger in the present state of the public mind of employing on your staff persons presently a member of those organizations, it seems to me that we would perhaps be acting rightif we went no further than asking the applicant 'Are you at present a member of these organizations?' If he says yes, then I would not hire him. Past affiliation I would pay no attention to whatsoever."

On motion the following two questions were adopted (five for - three against) four - no vote as all to be required of applicants, in line with loyalty questionnaires:

1. Are you now,or have you ever belonged to the Communist Party?
2. Are you now, or have you ever been, a member of an organization whose purpose it was to overthrow the Government of the United States?

SRC Brief Before the Supreme Court. Advice was asked as to whether the SRC should put a brief before the Supreme Court, and if so what to put in the brief. The executive director said that he felt it a duty to go ahead and organize the state outfits. Asked if there is any obligation upon the SRC to file a brief.? How would SRC file a brief? The Supreme Court has invited everybody to file a brief. It was felt that SRC's responsibility is inthe direction of interpretation of the meanings of the briefs which are being filed, and to use SRC efforts in the way of implementing the decision could be more helpful.

Consideration of Policy Statement

It was stated that a letter had been received from B. E. Mays re changing policy statement because "the South of the future will be one in which the curse (?) of segregation will be recognized as a burden on the human spirit and need no longer be imposed." The policy statement of 1951 was felt to be quite adequate at present.

V - Report on organization of states.

Criteria for affiliation. Question which face the staff grows out of the nature of the relationships with the states in the past. It is hoped to create voluntary "self-sustaining" state organizations which will be independent ultimately, and described as state human relations agencies. Question as to the freedom with which the states shall use the money which is being made available to them in terms of staff. The grant proposed Associate Secretaries to be shared by the states. It was answered that this will be worked out in a variety of ways. If they states can raise more money than the $1800 which is required, they can hire their own Associate Secretary. They must first (1) give evidence that they have raised the minimum $1800, (2) they must have a responsible Executive Committee, and (3) they must agree that all members whall receive the publication New South which means that the Council will receive $2.00 per member in addition to the money they have to raise. Question of having to raise membership dues.

The Executive Director felt that he should be permitted to set up arrangements with the states in terms of what they felt they could do. Gave as an example Kentucky which plans to set up a 35 member committee, additional members to be called "sustaining members." In other states, a 16 man Executive Commitee, plus the Executive Secretary and an associate, etc. It was believed by the Executive Committee that the states should not be held to a rigid pattern, and that state organizations be tied up with a strong letter, replies to which would be considered a contract. Staff salaries for state organizations will go out from central office. Each state gets a proportionate part of the money from the Fund for the Republic. If they do not show good faith in raising the money, salary payments are stopped.

Katherine stoney is working out a report sheet which will be used to show receipts and disbursements by the state organizations. A copy of this report is to be sent in to the central office each month

Under the program, there will be 12 executive secretaries,

five associate ~~xxxxxxxx~~resecretaries. Very few of the states like the idea of an part-tine associate secretary, but the amount of money allocated ($158,800) for state organizations, about $13,000 per state, is a lot less than enough for a full-time associate . It was believed that some of the states would be able to raise enough money to hire a full-time associate. Financial aid to state organizations begins October '54 ~~to~~ ends September 1 '55. Race, and sex are not to be used as criteria for choosing personnel.

The Executive Committee, in the first instance, determines whether the persons in the state organizations are conducting the program to conform with the terms of the Fund for the Republic grant. The Assistant Directors in charge of Program Development will be travelling around and keeping an eye on the activities of the state organizations. It was suggested that a monthly statement of activities be filed with the central office by the state organizations.

VI. Discussion of Fund-raising.

A proposed budget was distributed by the Secretary-Treasurer. This included salaries, renovations, etc. It was stated that the proposed budget figure for the year was slightly less than the total hopeful income.

It was stated that every employee of the Council would be covered by a insurance covering contingent liability of the Council by reason of accident occuring to any person in any state on SRC business.

It was moved and adopted that the personnel committee be authorized to engage staff in accordance with the general proposal, within the limitations of the funds available, or in prospect, under the budget adopted.

The Executive Director estimated that about $3,000 would be earned on Answers for Action, which means that around $7,000 would still have to be raised. It was estimated that there are 50 members of the Board, about 8 or 9 officers, and prospectively, 24 members of the Board of state organizations, and it is expected that most of them do now and will continue to ~~xxxx~~make contributions to the Council. It was sug ested that we appeal to local family

family ~~organizations~~ foundations ~~xxxx~~ for contributions to the Council. Best available list can be purchased from Rich's Associates in New York (address to be obtained from telephone book)

Finance Committee. It was believed that with an enlarged program the SRC would need a Finance Committee which would meet with the Executive Director ~~and Secretary-Treasurer~~ and discuss appropriate foundations, and to indicate to each member of the Southern Regional Council that ~~xx~~ SRC would like for them to accept responsibility for getting $100 for the Council for the next four months. It was also suggested that a letter beginning "we have this much and we need this much more" be sent to members of the SRC. The letter: "This is the budget for the next 15 months. We must raise an additional $_____, and the Executive Committee is suggesting that each member of the Council be responsible for $100 of it." It was also suggested that the Fund for the Republic's letter should be quoted beginning with "while the grant is not made on a matching basis, it is felt that the full health of the Council . . ."

It was suggested that an attempt be made to get SRC put into the regular yearly budget of two or three hundred people.

The Executive Committee requested the President of the Council to stay in Atlanta for several days to interview persons who might be on the Finance Committee and establish the Committee.

It was felt that between the lines of the letter of grant from the Fund ~~from~~ for the Republic was the obligation of the Council to find the people in the South who have not been contributors to the Council.

VII Annual Meeting of the Coucil will be held on Wednesday, November 10, 1954, at 10:00 a.m., in the Conferencex Room of Harkness Hall, Atlanta University.

Nominating Committee. ~~Upon~~ It was moved and adopted that the President of the Council be authorized to appoint a nominating Committee with proper instructions.

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VIII. Other business

Discussion of Roy Harris' attacks on the Southern Regional Council concluded with the notion that he should not be answered except upon direct invitation by a reputable news media. Suggestions as to statements which could be made were "From some source of information it has been called to our attention that there have been attacks upon the Council and the Council disownd such attacks as being unfounded and unfair." It was suggested also that a statement could be headed by "These are the true facts," and set out the Board members and the founders, etc.

In discussing political season in Georgia which makes it probable that the attacks will continue to be made, there was discussion of a proposal to get prominent Georgians to write letters refuting the charge that the SRC is communistic. There was also discussion of proposal to get Monsignor McNamara and ArchBishop O'Hara to write letter re Morris Abram's candidacy for Gongress, as it was believed that Abram's tie-in with the SRC is one of the basis for the attacks by Roy Harris on the SRC. Hughes Spaulding was also considered as a person to write such a letter.

A descriptive pamphlet about the SRC is now in press, which will do much, it is hoped, to offset the attacks.

On motion it was agreed "that the matter of public statements be the responsibility of the Executive Director. If they feel the need of consultation, they should consult Mr. Clement and Mr. Haas, and that this Executive Committee expresses full confidence in what they answer."

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THE SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC.
BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING
November 10, 1954

The annual meeting of the Board of Directors of the Southern Regional Council was held at Atlanta University in the Conference Room 223 Chestnut Street, S. W., Atlanta, Georgia, on Wednesday, November 10, 1954, at 10:00 o'clock in the morning. Mr. Marion A. Wright, president of the Corporation, presiding.

There were present:

Board members

Abram, Morris B.
Barbare, Ralph
Bates, Mrs. W. F.
Birnie, Mrs. Cassandra
Brazeal, B. R.
Brooke, W. C.
Clement, A. J.
Clement, R. E.
Crate, Mrs. James S.
Dent, A. W.
Duncan, O. D.
Foster, Richard J.
Gomillion, C. G.
Griffin, John A.
Haas, Leonard
Hancock, Gordon B.
Mantinband, Charles
Moron, A. G.
Richard, J. M.
Shean, M. V.
Smith, C. Emerson
Sytz, Miss Florence
Wheeler, John H.
Wilkins, Miss Josephine
Wright, M. A.
Young, Thomas W.

Staff (central and state)

Aycox, Mrs. N. B., representing the Texas Commission on Race Relations
Beckman, F. Woods representing the Louisiana Tuskegee Division of SRC
Brantley, Mrs. Elizabeth
Brimm, Hugh
Brooks, J. T.
Fleming, Harold C.
Hamilton, Mrs. G. T.
Holden, Miss Anna
Hughes, Mrs. Robert (For Mr. Robert Hughes)
Jones, Harry S.
Lewis, Miss Elsie
Mitchell, George S.
Parrish, C. H.
Routh, Fred B.
Sanders, Irwin T.
Spearman, Mrs. Alice
Stoney, Miss Katherine
Sutherland, Thomas
Tilly, Mrs. M. E.
Vigo, Milton
Wells, Guy V.

Invocation by Rabbi Charles Mantinband.

Dr. Rufus E. Clement extended welcome to those present and said that the University was happy to afford a meeting place for people of like minds who wanted to work together on common problems.

The president of the Corporation, Mr. Marion A. Wright, addressed the gathering as follows:

" I call your attention to a change of great significance in connection with this meeting. Heretofore there was invariably an item on the agenda, carried by long custom if not constitutional mandate, under the heading "President's Annual Address" in capital letters. That has now shrunk to "Remarks by the President" in small letters. I hope this may be symptomatic -- that it may indicate we have moved from elocution and oratory to sober discussion.

Of course, too, there is a drastic change in the size of this group. From the scores or hundreds that used to avail themselves of Dr. Clement's hospitality over at Atlanta University we have shrunk to this select company. I am sure we all hope there has been no corresponding decrease in intellectual horsepower or weakening of purpose.

Those changes are responsive to changes in the times. If men were to be induced to adopt a radically novel attitude or course of action, some appeal had to be made to their emotions. All of us have a large area of inattention to the merely logical and lucid. Oratory was the instrument for the emotional appeal. And, of course, where many were to be converted, it was appropriate to address men in droves.

How easily and imperceptibly we have made the transition from a discussion of right and wrong to a discussion of ways and means, from the adoption of objectives and goals to the adoption of methods! In military terms we have moved from grand strategy to tactics.

Since our last annual meeting an act has occured which has radically altered the essential nature of our task. Until May 17, 1954, the racial customs and folkways of the South were embedded in law -- even in some state constitutions. It was actually illegal for men of different races to be decent to each other. Such customs now have no legal buttress. Of course, that is for the moment an over-statement. But I am sure that none of us is so blind that he cannot see that the historian of the future will record that legally supported racial discrimination, however it may be manifested, received its mortal thrust on May 17 of this year.

So our task is greatly simplified. Instead of trying to persuade men to change their laws, we now have merely to persuade them to observe the law. Instead of asking them to be decent in conflict with law, we ask them to be decent in accordance with law.

There is not the slightest doubt of the result. Too many forces are on our side. We now have the heavy artillery.

Every man can be made to realize that the security of his own person and property is intimately bound up with every other man's rights under the law.

There is a large streak of the decent in all of us. We tend to become ashamed of a course of action which is little and mean.

We are gregarious and social by nature. We grope for every proffered hand.

At the core of whatever religion we profess, whether organized or not, there lies the compulsion to recognize every other man's complete equality. Southern churches are now astir.

Millions of veterans are not disposed to strangle the fraternity which received its birth in Europe, in the Pacific, in Korea.

So our task is merely to use with wisdom the enormous natural advantages which we now have. We have the mostest. We have merely to get there with the fustest.

Our goal? To give to each Southern state a demonstration of how an independent agency may enrich the life of the state by removing racial barriers to the end that the state may be moved to set up its own department of human relations. Education was a matter of private tutors and private schools until

the state assumed that function. Every man maintained the road in front of his house until the state established its own highway system. Every function of the state has its genesis in private endeavor and effort.

Several states now have departments of human relations. When they are universal in the South may we be able to regard these creations with the pride of paternity."

On motion duly made, seconded, and carried, the address of the president of the Corporation ~~was~~ is incorporated into the minutes of this meeting, November 10, 1954.

The report of the executive committee was made by Dr. Rufus E. Clement, chairman, as follows:

"The eighteen months that have elapsed since the last meeting of the Board have been eventful ones in the life of the Southern Regional Council. The Supreme Court's decision of last May 17th, holding public school segregation unconstitutional, opened up unprecedented opportunities and unprecedented problems, both of which call for monumental efforts by the Council. Fortunately, the Council has received sizable new resources for this task, in the form of a grant of $240,000 for an eighteen-month period from the Fund for the Republic.

Naturally, your Committee rejoiced in this long-awaited lifting of a five-year siege of poverty. But it has also been sensitive to the tremendous responsibility which the grant places upon us. The Council's request for this aid pointed out that, in a time of international crisis, the success or failure of the South to adjust to democratic practices could determine the fate of democracy the world over. In accepting the grant from the Fund for the Republic, we in the Council have undertaken to make a major contribution in this historic test of democratic ideals. Our performance now may well influence events beyond the limits of our region, our nation, and our time.

The grant imposes two specific obligations. First, that the Council build in each of twelve Southern states human relations organizations that will be professionally staffed and, at the end of the subsidy period, will be self-sustaining. Second, that the Council triple the amount raised for its support in the Southern region during the first year, and increase the amount even more in the subsequent two years. This fund-raising effort, both for the central office and the state organizations, is a firm condition of the grant. Your committee feels that this is a paramount responsibility of every member of this body.

ORGANIZATION

Your Executive Committee has met four times since the last Board meeting -- on September 25, 1953, February 10, 1954, April 6, 1954, and July 30, 1954. In futherance of the Council's broader role, the Committee has given major attention to the organizational changes authorized by the By-Laws adopted at the last general membership meeting in May, 1953. The power, delegated to the Executive Committee, to put the new By-Laws into effect was exercised on April 6th of this year. Consequently, the Southern Regional Council is no longer a general membership organization but is wholly made up of the body meeting here today, formerly termed the Board. General membership/s now belong to the respective state organizations affiliated with the Council. Certain amendments to the By-Laws will be submitted for your consideration today.

The Committee has steadily reviewed with the central staff the progress of the newly strengthened state organizations and their relationship with the Council.

The Committee has also reviewed changes in the central staff necessary to the new and expanded functions of the Council. A personnel subcommittee consisting of the President, the Chairman of the Executive Committee, and the Executive Director, has been appointed to deal with continuing questions of staff recruitment, salary, and job descriptions. Arrangements have also been made for appropriate financial bonds for all staff handling Council funds.

In addition, the Executive Committee, having in mind the responsibility of a private agency using tax-exempt funds, directed that present and future personnel of the central and state offices should complete a questionnaire on present or previous membership in organizations of a Fascist or Communist nature.

The Committee has arranged for the files of the former Commission on Interracial Cooperation to be donated to Atlanta University, with certain stipulations concerning access to them by the Council.

PROGRAM

The Executive Committee, at each of its meetings, has reviewed with the staff the continuing program activities of the Council. These included the project, furthered by President Wright, to gather a body of date on racial discrimination in the courts, looking toward the establishment of a Southwide Commission on Equal Penalties; the Council's arrangements with certain church groups to make available ministers for travel in various Southern states under the guidance of the Council; additional summer field work for the Council by Mr. C. H. Parrish and Mr. Robert G. Menefee, exploring prospects for adjustment to the Supreme Court decision; and the preparation and distribution through church and civic organizations of two handbooks for local action on the schools.

These and other program activities will be reviewed in more detail by the Executive Director

ATTACKS ON SRC

In this time of change and tension in the area of human relations, some intemperate attacks on the Council are perhaps to be expected. During 1953 and 1954, the Executive Committee has concerned itself with several irresponsible attacks by persons who publish small weekly newspapers, generally regarded as irresponsible in nature. All of these originated in Georgia. The first was a charge by the Rev. Blake Craft, elaborated in his paper One Methodist Voice that the Council is honeycombed with "communist fronters." The second assault, adding the unfounded claim that the Council is the successor in fact to the Southern Conference for Human Welfare, was made in successive issues of The Augusta Courier, an extreme publication put out by Roy Harris, a Georgia political figure. Finally, The Statesman, the personal political sheet of Governor Herman Talmadge, has picked up some of the same material as a basis for attacks on the Council and the Ford Foundation. Within recent days, the Governor, in an attack on a number of organizations aired on television, mentioned the Southern Regional Council has having communist connections. Among the persons impugned in the published attacks were myself, Dr. Mitchell, Dr. Howard Odum, Dr. Frederick D. Patterson, Mr. Donald Comer, Mr. Virginius Dabney, Mr. Aubrey Williams, Dr. Charles S. Johnson, Bishop E. A. Penick, and other past and present board members.

Efforts to identify the Council in any way with the Communist movement are obviously absurd. The problem has been one of public relations. In

only one instance did the reputable press take any notice of the charges, and on that occasion the Council's point of view was amply stated. The Executive Director has written a letter to Governor Talmadge protesting his untrue charge on television and requesting a retraction.

For the rest, the Committee has felt that the wise thing to do was to take no public notice of such charges when they are ignored by reputable news media, lest our actions serve to publicize the slanders. A subcommittee, consisting of our legal Counsel, the Chairman of the Executive Committee, and the Executive Director, has been appointed to decide proper action in such cases if and when they arise.

The Executive Committee is conscious of its heavy responsibility in overseeing the expanded program of the Council and the growth of its relationship with state organizations. It is the opinion of the Committee that satisfactory progress has been made to date toward fulfilling the purpose and terms of the grant. In order that this progress may continue at an accelerated pace, your review of past actions and your guidance for the future are earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted

/s/ Rufus E. Clement
Chairman

November 10, 1954

On motion duly made, seconded, and carried, the report of the executive committee is incorporated into the minutes of this meeting, November 10, 1954.

The president asked for opinions of the group with respect to the views of the executive committee on action to be taken on the charges brought against the Council. Rabbi Mantinband thought that the committee's action was wise, but said that the committee's action did not relieve the individual responsibility of the Board members for answering the charges on a smaller scale, or to a lesser degree, of those who do not know the facts, distort the comments, and make similar charges. He thought it would be well for the board members to be informed about who and what the Council is, so that each person could, in the proper place, reply.

The executive director, Dr. George S. Mitchell, made his report. Before beginning, he asked that the state chairmen have their luncheon together in the small dining room of Atlanta University, apart from the regular luncheon group so that they could discuss certain problems and proposals with regard to state organizations.

The executive director introduced into the meeting the October

issue of New South, a copy of which was passed to all present. He stated that the Marshall Field Foundation had been asked for money to "perk up" New South, and had given the Council a grant of 15,000 to be extended over a period of three years, beginning January 1, 1955 through 1957, in diminishing proportions. This grant would not be used by New South to compete with the Southern Education Reporting Service, a newly established agency for reporting state-by-state developments on public school segregation, but would be used to expand New South to cover the many changes in matters of the schools, law enforcement, administration of justice, growth of the franchise, elections and appointments to public office, employment opportunities, and pronouncements and practices of the churches, as they relate to race.

The October issue of New South contained a report of the field trip of Robert Menefee to the Appalachian areas of North Carolina, Virginia, and Tennessee, who, the executive director reported, found a number of county school superintendents who were anxious to get rid of segregated schools. Many other county superintendents felt that desegregating the schools was not an issue, and felt no concern about it. The executive director said that previous to the Menefee trip he had engaged a graduate student at Emory to dig out the history of that area, and that the student found in the mountain areas a note of human brotherhood nourished by a very strong amount of human independence.

The executive director said that he believed the best procedure to follow in the South to be one of personal interview. In this connection, he told of getting various protestant denominations, and others, to send a minister into some defined Southern area to talk to ministers and influential lay people about preparing communities for unsegregated education. He is satisfied that this action is about to bear sustained fruit as the National Council of Churches is considering the employment of a man to travel in the South permanently.

The executive director stated that Harold Fleming had a very heavy editorial hand in the preparation of the Ashmore Report which was sponsored by the Fund for the Advancement of Education, and the Public Affairs Pamphlet, Segregation and the Schools, and that he, Harold Fleming, had prepared completely the Council's booklet, Answers for Action: Schools in the South, which condenses the Ashmore report and contains proposals for action on the matter of the schools. A round of applause was asked for and received as recognition of Mr. Fleming's effort and success in the preparation of the above booklets.

This past Spring, the executive director reported, a conference was held at Williamsburg, Virginia, for the purpose of casting up ideas on how to best implement the then pending decision of the Supreme Court, and for programs of lessening racial distinctions in the South. The meeting was held from dinner May 6th, through dinner May 9th. The results of this meeting were recorded and assigned priorities in terms of immediate and long range follow-through. The executive director stressed that this meeting was not specifically an SRC function, but that the SRC was the coordinating agency. And it is the feeling of the executive director that this meeting brought to the attention of a good many foundations that the SRC is a reliable group to be responsible for such a gathering.

In reporting on foreign visitors, the executive director said that the SRC is delighted to have them, but that it does involve dropping everything . He has asked several foundations to supply funds for the staff work involved in handling foreign visitors.

The executive director stated that he would like to begin a program of research interpretation. There is a great deal of helpful work being done, and that has been done, ~~but~~ that has not been tapped in the South. There is a need for someone on the staff to make the information available to the South's new budding human relations agencies. If the money were

received, the resulting influx of information would be so filed as to make it easily accessible.

The Southern Regional Council gets money from both the CIO and AFof L, who are putting considerable effort into a program of workers education in the South. The executive director has been to a succession of scheduled schools at points in the South, to get better ideas to top labor leaders, and he believes that the effort has been fruitful.

Much has been done with the churches. Mrs. Tilly, and other s on the staff, including the executive director, have worked with various church groups. The executive director said that in talking with one of the ministers at a Southern Presbyterian Conference at Montreat, North Carolina, he was told by that minister "Of course I bury a great many people. Always at the end of the prayer I raise my eyes and look over the crowd. If there is not a colored man present, I know it is a mighty sorry man I am putting into the ground."

The executive director said that the attacks on SRC are wounding, and untrue, but that he guessed that they would continue. He said that he is an advocate of an eager and immediate answer, but that the executive committee had recommended a program of no response as long as the charges are not picked up by reputable communications media. He thinks that the best thing to do, towards the end of this calendar year, is to publish a rather dignified pamphlet called "Ten Years of the Southern Regional Council" to be distributed to members of the SRC, and other concerned bodies. It would state the By-Laws, finances, origin, etc., of the SRC. Because the grant received is so large, the executive director believes that the SRC should come out with a clear cut statement about the SRC, and lays upon the Board the task of getting funds to publishing such a pamphlet.

The executive director stated that the central office has employed four assistant directors, two in charge of program development, one in charge of program planning, and one in charge of information. The executive

director has been kept, and additional clerical personnel has been employed.

One ~~said~~ item, said the executive director, was the Commission on Equal Penalties. Six students were sent to as many Southern counties to gather information on penalties in courts of law for the last five years (January 1, 1949 - December 31, 1953). The data collected is not sufficiently representative or convincing to the premise of unequal penalties for whites and Negroes in the South. A way has to be found to combine the information obtained from this study with similar studies and get it into circulation.

The executive director spoke of the beginnings of the Commission on Interracial Cooperation, to which SRC is successor, in its effort to start an agency in each Southern state to deal with problems of race. These state organizations died. Nothing much was achieved in the last ten years by the state organizations in a state kind of work. Heretofore, when Dr. Howard Odum was executive director, the Council had put its efforts on a regional basis. Dr. Odum was a person who didn't much believe in state work and emphasized the unity of the South, its region and its sub-regions. The present executive director believes the best way to achieve unity in the South is through state organizations. He has made efforts to obtain foundation money based on that, and succeeded in getting the grant from the Fund for the Republic. It is his hope that after a period of assistance to the state organizations from the central office, the state organizations will find a way to sustain themselves independently of the SRC.

Introduced Mr. Thomas Sutherland, executive secretary of the Texas Commission on Race Relations, Mrs. Robert Hughes, wife of the executive secretary in Alabama (Mr. Hughes was unable to attend meeting because of illness), Mrs. Alice Spearman, executive secretary of the South Carolina Division of SRC, Mr. Guy Wells, executive secretary of the Georgia Committee, Mr. Harry Jones, executive secretary of the North Carolina Division of SRC, and Mr. F. Woods Beckman, volunteer person from Tennessee, which state has not

yet hired an executive secretary, Mr. Milton Vigo, executive secretary of the Louisiana Council on Human Relations, and Mr. C. Emerson Smith, Virginia Council of Churches, who is going to work with the Southern Regional Council with the suggested title of The Virginia Council of Churches affiliated with the Southern Regional Council.

The executive director stated that Tennessee and probably Mississippi will shortly be organized. Arkansas will be a little slow. Said that the Council suffered a sad loss. Oklahoma. That members and friends are in Oklahoma, but that there was no money available for setting up a race relations organizations there.

The chairman of the Board asked for questions on the report of the executive director. Mrs. Aycox asked why the director felt that the establishment of a program in Arkansas was going to be somewhat slow. The executive director said that everytime a person had been chosen for Arkansas, some national organization had snatched him up. Rabbi Mantinband asked if any contact with Alan Paton was had by the SRC, during the time of Paton's trip to the South. The executive director said that he had occasion to lunch with President B. E. Mays of Morehouse College and Paton,

Mr. Foster said that the Communist smear tactics seemed to be disturbing to both the executive director and the executive committee. Stated that this would be a common thing for anyone working in the field of race relations. He then proceeded to speak of his experiences in South Carolina when working with _____ and of hiring a Negro worker and being accused of being communist. He believes that the best thing to do is not to answer those minor attacks. The executive director stated that the smear literature was available for those who cared to see it. Mr. Wright said that he was very glad to hear of Mr. Foster's support for conservatism in replying

to the attacks. Mrs. Crate said that the Texas Commission was interviewed by the F.B. I. Mention was made of an organization in New York called the Southern Regional Committee of the Communist Party, who lately published a pamphlet called _____. Attention was called to the similarity of the name. Mrs. Aycox said that Arkansas had hired Fred Darrow as its regional secretary (?)

Mr. Mitchell stated that SRC's purpose is to do a minimun of directing state organizations in the hope that the results will be fully autonomous organizations. The SRC will, however, during its period of assistance to the state organizations exercise stringent financial control.

Mr. R. E. Clement stated that the foreign visitors always request to talk with someone in the SRC as they want to know what we in the South are doing about the race problem.

Mr. Dent said that the job of working with foreign visitors should not be passed over to staff people who just happened not to have much to do at that time. He also commended Mr. Mitchell for having asked the foundations to provide funds for the purpose of handling foreign visitors.

Mr. A. J. Clement stated that while being very pleased with the employment of Mrs. Spearman as executive secretary in South Carolina, he and others had understood, from the original release about setting up state organizations, that the position was to be bi-racial. What about that? Mr. Mitchell stated that SRC had received only enough money to employ one full-time person in each state and enough money for five additional persons, whom it was proposed to spread over the twelve states. This proposal was rejected by most of the states. The present proposal is to urge each state to raise enough money to employ two full-time persons with equal salaries, and the SRC will furnish enough money to enable each state to employ a consultant. Mr. Mitchell also stated that

SRC had never given any hints as to the race or the sex of the persons to be employed in the state organizations. "We have said, employ a full-time person or a half-time one. What you ought to do is to raise another $2500 a year and employ somebody full-time co-equal."

Mr. Dent said that one of the reasons why SRC could not get much support from Negroes was that the SRC would not take a public stand on segregation. Because of the failure of SRC to make a stand, a good bit of the respect of top Negro leadership in the South was lost. He believed that for the organization to be successful and effective, it is going to have to face the problem of using professional staff from both racial groups. Believed that if SRC is going all out as a "states rights" organization and leave entirely to the states the matter of hiring, and if the states are going to find it necessary for reasons of economics to have a white professional staff member but not a Negro one, SRC is going to lose the constructive support of the Negro community. White people are in control, generally, and can do much. But the thinking of the SRC is that these things can be done more expeditously together. Best that SRC find ways to do the job in accordance with the plan that was one which included the employment of staff with emphasis that it is important for Negroes and whites to work together.

Mr. R.E. Clement said that in the planning, policy making, and decision stages there should be the freest sort of participation and action by all the people in the community, being the state, and that there would not be the "Uncle Tom" or any other type of leadership in the state which is not courageous. Once that is settled, he stated, he was willing to let the group itself decide who the best people were and who ought to be employed to do the job. He believed that there would be a danger in making a decision for employment on the basis of race, and is willing to leave the decision to the people in the state as long as it is their decision.

Mr. Dent: "What happens when you come up with state organizations and

the staff and all are white?"

Mrs. Sytes: Have tried before to get a Negro on bi-racial co-equal staff, but the answer has always been that it is only the white people who can get things done.

A. J. Clement: Brought up matter because Mrs. Spearman has been hired in South Carolina, and though he knows that she will have respect of both racial groups in the state, stated that there seems to have been a stumbling block on the matter of hiring a Negro on the same level.

Routh: Example this Fall. ran into a very responsible person who stated that before SRC had money there was the cry "we do not have the money." Now that money is available, there seems to be the old "money's too good for the Negro."

Parrish: His experience in the states during the Summer and Fall have supported expression which was made by Dr. Dent that states have attempted to deal with the problem as a matter of expediency -- Needs to first get a strong bi-racial Board, in terms of people who can do the job and are willing to do it, then decide what in the state needs to be done, then decide upon the kind of person you want. In one or two cases a Negro was proposed. Then some Negroes said that they didn't think that a Negro could do the job. There was the feeling that a woman couldn't do the job. Noted that when a look is cast over the whole of the organizations you do get the picture that in every case the executive secretary is a white person, and that it just doesn't look good. Reported on the system being tried in Kentucky of having a consultant and an executive secretary as top people -- one of these a Negro. Plans to hire a high level secretary-office manager, and as different skills are needed to tap resources over the state. The top consultant and executive secretary would have the same status in terms of responsibility and prestige.

Mantinband: Hoped that in the setting up of the twelve states there might be one state (at least) where there might be two full-time people -- one white and one

Negro -- so that it could be pointed to as the way the organization ought to work -- that this was the objective. Believed that most of the states have gone on the assumption that they should go ahead and hire a white person rather than waiting until a time when they felt that they could get going with a co-equal bi-racial staff and do it well.

Hamilton: The membership of the Council might be interested in hearing the first paragraph of a memorandum which Dr. Mitchell sent to state organizations:

"We have recognized that the 'effective human relations service' which state organizations will be establishing in the months ahead requires the assistance of both white and Negro professional staff members. This is necessary in order that the staff of state organizations provide evidence in their makeup of a working relationship of equals in behalf of the common welfare, and the perhaps even more important reason that the insights of both Negro and white staff members are needed in the task of extending the areas of communication across racial lines throughout the state -- a basic purpose of our state organizations."

Sytes: Believed that when a grant-in-aid is being given, there should be a condition of bi-racial staff.

Stoney: The Fund for the Republic did not give the money to do the job in full. The Fund for the Republic said "we feel that it would be a sad mistake if we paid in full for this job. If we do, then the effectiveness of the Council would suffer." Miss Stoney said that the money received by the SRC is a cushion. It is not enough money to do the job. Urged that the Board readjust their thinking in terms of raising enough money to do the job.

Crate: Texas has selected their state executive secretary. Believes that the secretary and office manager should be a Negro person. ~~There are not present on the Board of SRC 27 whites and 10 Negroes. The nominating committee~~

They are planning to select a field person regardless of race -- the person they feel can do the best job.

Hancock: Believed that the whites should take the lead and the responsible positions. Money has to be raised to keep the organization going. Would hate to see the organization going from hand to mouth as it has done before.

Thinks the burden of raising the money should be on the white man.

Wells: Have both a white and Negro employed in Georgia. The Negro will come on as soon as he gets permission from his bishop. Believes it easier to get a Negro person for the job that it is to get a white person.

Parrish: Believes that there has been a mistaken impression concerning the difficulty of employing a Negro as a top-level person. Illustrated his point with a tale of his contact in Alabama with a dixiecrat who said that he had more respect for the NAACP than for the SRC. He said that he believed that respect is given to a Negro who fights for what he believes is right. Believes that the impression that a Negro cannot do the job as executive director should be counteracted.

Wheeler: Suggested the wisdom of bi-racial professional staff wherever it ishumanly possible. Said that the history of all these cases (such as the Clarendon County case) is that the Negro has done it alone -- or virtually alone. There are people in the South who cannot be reached except through white channels. Suggested appointing a committee who would call attention to Dr. Mitchell's suggestion of hiring a bi-racial staff.

Wright: Would not have enough people in the states who will say that they are willing to pay the salaries of both a white and a Negro. The ultimate decision should be a resolution to be sent to the states placing before them that the effectiveness of their work can be impaired unless recognition is given to the necessity for bi-racial professional staff.

On motion, duly made, seconded, and carried, a committee of three, to be appointed by the president, is to cast up, during the noon hour, a

resolution expressing the interest of the Board in the establishing of bi-racial professional personnel in each of the twelve existing Southern state organizations.

Mr. Wright appointed Mr. Rufus E. Clement, Mr. A. W. Dent, and Mr. J. H. Wheeler to the committee

The following resolution was introduced into the meeting by Mr. Hancock:

WHEREAS Howard W. Odum, the profoundest student of Southern life and its most illuminating teacher, has been taken from us,

AND WHEREAS Dr. Odum was one of the principal organizers and the first president of the Southern Regional Council,

NOW THEREFORE we who continue in the Southern Regional Council resolve to follow with renewed vigor the broad humanitarian goals which were Howard Odum's goals for the South.

On motion, duly made, seconded, and carried, the above resolution was adopted.

Mr. Wright requested a deviation from the Agenda to allow for taking up the Finance Report before lunch.

Stoney: Those who were present in May, 1953 were jubilant over receiving money from the Fund for the Republic. The money is to be spent to get the twelve state organizations going and to do the business of the central office. The foundation did not give enough money to do the job, they gave the grant for 18 months dependent upon the ability of the assisted states and the central office to raise certain sums of money: $40,000 in the central office and $1800 for each state organization. Closed 1953 with $250 in the bank and a deficit of $2,000. The Council raised $45,205.93 in 1953, of which $20,000 came from the Ford Foundation. Income for first three months of 1953 is $12,466.76, of which $5,000 came from the Ford Foundation. Income from April 1, 1954 to October 31, is $13,308.93. The Council has spent less this year than was budged. Expenses for the year (through October 31) are $53,255.51.

The state organizations have spent only $8,665.60 out of the $158,800,00 to be given them, but they are just getting started. Each state allocated approximately $13,200.

The executive director of the Council called attention to the amount of money the states have to raise for 1955, in contrast to the amount of money already raised. He also called attention to the fact that the central office has to raise even more to meet the requirement of the grant from the Fund for the Republic.

Hamilton: It has been suggested that we are in a new period in the South. The era of paternalism is dead. If we begin in the state organizations to assemble those representatives of both racial groups who are willing and able to assume this responsibility, they will see that the task requires funds greatly in excess of a petty $1800 on an annual basis. Ability to get those funds depends upon the sort of program which will be developing in the states. Same applies to the operation of the central office.

Foster: South Carolina would welcome from the central office some outline of objectives which could be used as a measure of achievement. In that sense it could be said that "it is our business to organize our state as wenat to organize it, but to achieve these objectives."

Dent: The important thing is not to bare the budget, but to recognize the opportunities before us and what can be done with the amount of money available.

Mantinband: Suggested that sometime during the day reports might be had from the states as to one or two of the highlights of achievement made during the past season, and what might be possible projects for the future.

Moron: Noted that several persons were present as representatives of the same state. Suggested that it would be helpful if lunch period could be used by those persons to get together and talk about their state.

Mitchell: Word of policy. The policy of the SRC is the end of

every public discrimination in the South of distinctions based on race, and (for his part) private ones too. Worked over this idea with great care in a committee that reported to the Council in December '51. The central paragraph of that report has been reprinted in a leaflet lately done about the SRC.

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Sytes: Thinks each state should bring in their own set of goals.

Foster: The very first thing that is going to be asked by people who are approached about joining the state organizations is "What are you going to do?"

Clement R.E.: Directed the attention of each state officer to the statement of goals and purposes which were adopted in 1951. Suggested that they take it and use as much of it as they want.

Mitchell: At this time we are synthesizing effort on the matter of the schools, and this problem should be attacked throughout the South.

Foster: If anyone came back here and reported that he (she) had not desegregated at least one school, then we will have failed one goal.

12:30 ADJOURNMENT FOR LUNCH

RECONVENED AT 1:45 -- AFTERNOON SESSTION

Mr. Mitchell called attention to Answers for Action. Also to a collection of statements of vario s denominations on the Supreme Court decision, which are contained in a booklet "Christian Conscience and the Supreme Court Decision.

On motion, duly made, seconded, and carried, Article I. Name and Area is amended to read "Article I. Name, Area and Purpose." Also to provide for the addition of Section 3. Purposes, as stated below:

" The purposes of the Southern Regional Council are to exist and function as an eleemosynary organization, and more particularly to organize and maintain a Regional Council and to cooperate with affiliated state organizations in the

Southern Region for the improvement of economic, civic, and racial conditions, in the endeavor to promote a greater unity in the South in all efforts towards regional and racial development; to attain through research and action programs the ideals and practices of equal opportunity for all peoples in the region; to reduce race tension, the basis of racial tension, racial misunderstanding, and racial distrust; to develop and integrate leadership in the South on new levels of regional development and fellowship; and to cooperate with local, state, regional, and national agencies on all levels in the attainment of the desired objectives. The Council shall not engage in carrying on propaganda or otherwise attempt to inflaence legislation nor engage in any form of political activities."

The executive director of the Council called special attention to the final sentence as a matter of policy.

On motion duly made, seconded, and carried Article II. Members, Section 3. is amended to read: "The president, the vice-presidents, the counsel, the treasurer, the executive director, and assistant directors shall also be ex-officio members."

On motion duly made, seconded, and carried, Article V, Section 1, is amended to allow for the addition to the list of officers the office of treasurer, and to change the words "Associate Director" to "Assistant Directors."

On motion duly made, seconded, and carried, Article V, Section 2 is corrected to read "Section 2. Meetings of Executive Committee. The Executive Committee . . . ."

On motion duly made, seconded, and carried, Article VI. Officers. Section 1. is amended to correct "associate director" to read "assistant directors" and to substitute for the sentence "The secretary and the treasurer need not be members and the offices of secretary and treasurer may be held by the same person." the sentence "The offices of secretary and treasurer may be held by the same person, but if filled separately, the secretary need not be a member of the corporation."

On motion duly made, seconded, and carried, Article VI. Officers. Section 6 is amended to read: "Section 6. Assistant Directors. The assistant directors shall work in cooperation with the executive director in the administration of the program and policies of the Council. In the absence or disability of the executive director, one of the assistant directors will be designated by the executive director, or by the executive committee, to perform, temporarily, the duties of the executive director."

The executive director presented the resolution re nominating committee.as follows:

" The staff and the Nominating Committee recommend to the Council the passage of the following resolution:

WHEREAS Article V, Section 4, of the By-Laws provide that "The Council may by resolution provide for such other standing or special committees as it deems desirable and may discontinue the same at pleasure,' therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that a Nominating Committee of not less than five members, three of whom shall be elected by the Council at its annual meeting, one of whom shall be its"ex-officio" member from an affiliated organization, and two of whom shall be appointed by the president and the Executive Committee,shall be constituted

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Nominating Committee shall meet at least thirty (30) days before the annual meeting for the purpose of nominating: (1) members of the Council; (2) Officers of the Council; (3) members of the Executive Committee; and (4) members of the succeeding Nominating Committee."

Dent: suggested that this resolution be set into the by-laws because there it would be a little more binding, and urged that the executive committee be instructed to reword it for insertion into the by-laws at the proper place.

On motion duly made, seconded and carried, it is requested that by the joint action of the president of the Corporation and the executive committee, the above resolution be reworded and incorporated into the by-laws of SRC at the proper place.

Resolution re treasurer introduced by Mr. Wheeler:

RESOLVED that for the current year the Executive Committee be and is hereby authorized, empowered, and directed to elect a treasurer whose duties and term of office shall be as set forth in the By-Laws of the Corporation.

RESOLVED ALSO that the election and installation of the treasurer of the Corporation shall be accomplished as soon as possible after the annual meeting of the membership being held on November 10, 1954.

The executive director requested that the Executive committee be empowered to act as treasurer.

On motion duly made, seconded, and carried, the executive committee is empowered to fill the office of treasurer.

Resolution re state divisions having bi-racial staff introduced by Mr. Wheeler:

RESOLVED that the Council in annual session hereby urge the several state organizations or committees which are affiliated with the Council to give careful and thoughtful consideration to the statement made by the Executive Director in his memorandum #6 of September 23, 1954, having to do with the matter of bi-racial staff for the state organizations, believing that only by this means may the maximum be achieved both to effective development of program and formal support -- the full text of his statement being as follows:

"We have recognized that the 'effective human relations service' which state organizations will be establishing in the months ahead requires the assistance of both white and Negro professional staff members. This is necessary in order that the staff of state organizations provide evidence in their makeup of a working relationship of equals in behalf of the common

welfare, and for perhaps the even more important reason, that the insights of both Negro and white staff members are needed in the task of extending the areas of communication across racial lines throughout the state -- a basic purpose of our state organizations."

RESOLVED ALSO that the central staff is hereby requested to see that this policy is implemented on the regional level and to offer its assistance and encouragement towards its implementation on the state level.

On motion duly made, seconded, and carried, the above resolution is adopted.

There being no further resolutions, the president called for the report of the Nominating committee, composed of Mr. Morris Abram, Mrs. E. U. Robinson, Mrs. Marion Paul, Mr. Guy Johnson, and Mr. Wheeler. Mrs. Robinson, Mrs. Paul, and Mr. Johnson were not able to be present at the meeting, and so it was held with Mr. Abram, Mr. Wheeler, and two members of the staff. Seven vacancies in membership. Three vacancies-- three members of the Board have become members of the staff; two vacancies -- were not filled last year; one vacancy - resignation of Mr. Mynders; one ____?____.
The Board presently carries 27 white and 18 Negroes. Nominating Committee recommended six white persons and one Negro. They felt justified in their selections in accordance with the type of people needed and the purposes to be assisted. These persons were selected with the undertanding that they be notified and asked to serve.

Dr. Philip Weltner, Former Chancellor of Oglethorpe University, Atlanta

Mr. Philip Hammer, The Hammer Co., Atlanta

Mr. I. H. Burney, Afro-American Life Insurance Co., Atlanta

Mr. Edward Norton, Birmingham, Alabama

Mr. Hodding Carter, Editor Democrat-Times, Greenville, Miss

Bishop W. T. Watkins (M. E. Church)

Mr. Jerome K. Crossman, Ryan Petroleum Corporation, Dallas, Texas.

Alternates for:

Mr. Edward Norton - Attorney Hugo Black, Jr.

Mr. I. H. Burney - Hollis Rinehart, Attorney in Miami

Mr. Hodding Carter - Thomas Robinson, Charlotte Observer

~~Motion duly made, seconded and carried, nominations for members of the Board are hereby adopted~~

Nominations from the floor were requested for persons to serve on the nominating committee. No nominations from the floor, and so Mr. Wheeler proceeded to give the following names as persons selected to serve on the nominating committee of the Corporation.

Dr. B. E. Mays, Morehouse College, Atlanta

Mr. Philip Hammer, Glenn Building, Atlanta

Rev. Hugh Brimm (new address to be inserted)

~~Motion duly made, seconded and carried, the report of the~~

Nominations for members of the Executive Committee. Nine members provided for in the By-Laws.

Present members:	Proposed members:
Dr. Rufus E. Clement	Reverend McDowell Richards
Mrs. C. M. Birnie	Miss Josephine Wilkins
Rev. Maurice Shean	Mr. Morris Abram
~~Mr.~~ Mr. John Griffin	
Dr. H. V. Richardson	
Mr. Paul Christopher	

~~Officers of the~~

Nominations for officers of the Corporation were made, calling attention to the resignation of Mr. Alfred Mynders, who has indicated that he will be unable to serve the Council, because of the pressure of his work with the Chattanooga Times.

President - Marion Wright, Linville Falls, N. C.

Vice-President - Carter Wesley, Houston, Texas

Vice-President - Gordon B. Hancock, Richmond, Va.

Vice- President - Harry Ashmore, Arkansas Gazette

Vice-President - Albert W. Dent, Dillard University, New Orleans

Upon motion duly made, seconded,and carried, the report of the nominating committee was adopted into the minutes of this meeting, November 10, 1954.

Clement: What are the reasons for continuing a vice-president who has been unable to attend a meeting for six or seven years?

Mitchell: Mr. Carter Wesley has attempted to come but has had many setbacks, and that he, Mr. Wesley, owned a string of newspapers which are helpful to SRC.

OTHER BUSINESS:

It was suggested that there was present at the meeting some new people who are carrying responsibility for the state organizations which are being developed and that some of them might wish to make comments which they had not had opportunity to make before this time.

_____: To return to question of policy within the framework of general terms as was read by the executive director. There should be some central agency through which authority can give direction to something. If we are going to give so much autonomy to our local areas we would be dabbling in several things rather than concentrating on certain specific things.

Sytes: It is important to ask state organizations to present a plan to the central office. If there is no plan the state organizations may work out objectives that would possibly not come up with any specific achievement. Does not understand money given to states without any plan at all and it should be very stimulating to state organizations to have to draw up plans to be submitted for approval, and carried through by their organizations.

Mitchell: Read from Memorandum #1, April 10, page 4 "Program"

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Hamilton: Messrs. Parrish and Routh have observations which bear on this matter. Some states are in process of organizations There is not yet a functioning responsible body in any state. Had all day meeting of staff directors who have already been chosen. At that time there was some discussion given to ways and means of developing. Pointed out to staff that it was essential that the names of the officers, finance committee, executive body, etc., be reported to the central office.

Wright: We think it will not be advisable for this group to adopt now a more specific statement of objectives than is contained in the statement which Mr. Mitchell read.

Parrish: The concern of people in all the states has been the desegregation of the schools. Suggested to them that the objective of the Council is to sell the idea in local communities that on community problems all people who are interested should work together. Should be done by personal contacts rather than at meetings to which a lot of publicity is given. Membership should be representative of people who already have some beginning in this sort of organization. Believes that every is concerned with the Supreme Court decision and its implementation.

Routh: The first concern of the Council is to work with groups rather than for them. At the beginning it will be necessary to give assistance but should be able to taper off later. Directors should see themselves as state-wide directors having influence. Working with individuals in opening communities throughout the state. Seeing that all visits to communities are representative of both racial groups when any problem is being discussed. Need to have the organization known on a reputable basis across the state; good public relations and good press relations.

Parrish: Problem of relationship of the Board in the state to its director. First step is to get a strong committed Board with each state. It may use the people who have been on the Board before, but now that there

is some hint of what has to be done, state organizations should have a responsible Board. Board is more important now that a director is hired, and it should supervise the activities of the states. Should have a very strong finance committee.

Sytes: Need to find some way by which objectives are to be implemented within the state organizations. There should be a plan, at least, for the state organizations to go by as their responsibility for using grant money.

Spearman: Definitely need help in the states on social issue of this sort. Believed that someone should be chosen who would not cut off the support of the white community.

Abram: Supreme Court is going to say something that is going to be unpalatable to the South. Problem is not only one of strategy, but also of techniques, to deal with the next two years which are going to be horrible years. (1) Important for state organizations to make official calls upon the leadership of the states and let them know that there are groups of white and Negro people who have a viewpoint entirely different from their (state leadership's) viewpoint that they are going to express in public. (2) Appeal to adherence to law and order. Attempted to get an expression of opinion by Southern lawyers -- not designed to state that the Supreme Court decision was right or wrong, but that they felt that the Supreme Court decision was to be respected and that if you wanted to go any higher you had to get on your knees -- but were not successful. Suggested that the Council move behind other organizations such as the Junior Chamber of Commerce.

Dent: Questions of structure and understanding of our structure: Don't know of any instance in which a gran-in-aid program is established after the grant is received. Do we reserve our grant-in-aid until the state has submitted a plan? Should we talk about the where and how of this SRC operation -- whether it makes clear to the states that the Council has a responsibility for these funds and should request that the state submit

a plan. If SRC considers itself to be a grant-in-aid agency, it should have a plan to prohibit the floundering around on nine items by the state organizations and not doing anything about any of them.

Shean: That as a result of this meeting each of the state groups will in the immediate future have a series of meetings before they will formulate a working policy within their own state and that they should be returned to the central office within one month.

Wilkins: The Council has certain commitments to the Fund for the Republic in getting the grant. Is the central office in position to fulfill all of those commitments? If they are not, aren't they going to have to rely on the states to fulfill those commitments?

Mitchell: Long time objective undertaken by the Council to get in a dozen Southern states an agency which can stand on its own two feet. Doesn't want them to feel that they are just a branch of the office in Atlanta and that as soon as financial aid is withdrawn the organization will fold up.

Shean: Suggested motion that each state group be instructed to prepare a program and submit it to the central office in one month.

Foster: Too short a time

Parrish: In favor of motion, but if these plans that are to be sent in are going to be in terms of superficial plans which have no meaning, then it is useless to have plans. Should be clear that they are working with intangibles

On motion duly made, seconded, and carried, it was agreed that each state organization is to be asked to submit to the central office a copy of its program for the year 1955, and that this program is to be submitted by January 1, 1955

Foster: Recommended that a copy of the monthly activity reports be sent to each state having participation as a state organization.

On motion duly made, seconded, and carried, it was agreed that the central office staff is to make available to all state organization the information contained in the monthly reports submitted by each of the state organizations which the central office staff considers necessary.

R.E. Clement: Word of respect to president of SRC. Marion Wright delivered main address at testimonial dinner for Judge J. Waties Waring -- a significant statement concerning human relations. General applause given to Mr. Wright.

Mrs. Tilly reported on working with church women.

Mrs. Sytes asked for a vote of thanks to Mrs. Tilly for the work she has been doing. General applause by the Council.

Discussion on loyalty oaths shed the following: Executive committee voted 4-3 for having loyalty oaths. Could the states use loyalty oaths as a matter of what they will or will not abide by? Proposed substitute action requestion the executive director of each state to assure himself that the person who is being employed is not or has not been communist or fascist. Proposal rejected.

Loyalty oath adopted for practical reasons: received a large grant of money from the Fund for the Republic and others, thus becoming suspect. There is a congresional committee called the Reese Committee which is now investigating foundations. If that committee could prove that a foundation gives moneyto an organization which is subversive it could withdraw tax-exempt privileges. Action on part of Council may affect the status of people who give aid to it. Loyalty oath said to be a way to make sure that funds given to the Council do not pass through it or from it to a person or agency that might be communist or fascist. Rebuttal: Anyone who has done anything at all or who has been liberal at all has been suspect. Ford Foundation has no sympathy with the attempt to smear them. The Fund for the Republic does not require its employees to sign loyalty oaths. It is an objectionable procedure

but now that it has been done and has become a part of the minutes of the Corporation, is the Council in a position to tamper with it thus putting itself and the executive committee into an embarrasing position. To the question of whether the Board had ~~the~~ final authority over the executive committee Article V, Section 1 of the SRC By-Laws was read as follows:

> "All action by the Executive Committee shall be reported to the Council at its meeting next succeeding such action, and shall be subject to revision and alteration by the Council, provided that no rights of third persons shall be affected by any such revision or alteration."

Would those refusing to sign the oaths be employed?

(did not get an answer to this)

The executive director read the letter which has been sent to state chairmen re the loyalty oath. (to be inserted) It was noted that the Board approved the report of the executive committee which contained notice of its action with regard to the loyalty oath.

On motion duly made, seconded, and carried, the meeting adjourned.

January 7, 1954

Miss Inez R. Shearer
916 Greenwood
Ann Arbor, Michigan

Dear Miss Shearer:

Thank you very much indeed for the check for five dollars which you sent to the Council and which reached us on January 4th. We do appreciate your support.

We would like very much to have you as an associate member of the Council and your contribution will cover dues for 1954. I say "associate member" because members are those people living within the 13 Southern states, and those outside are associates. They have all of the benefits as members except the vote. Each member and associate also gets a year's subscription to NEW SOUTH as part of his benefits. I enclose a copy herewith for your information. Also enclosed is a brochure about the Council. If you wish to become an associate, please just fill in the form and return without any money.

Thank you again for your contribution.

Sincerely,

Katherine Stoney,
Secretary-Treasurer

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January 14, 1954

Mr. L. M. Sperry
2090 Mandeville Canyon Road
Los Angeles 49, California

Dear Mr. Sperry:

This will acknowledge receipt of the check for two hundred dollars from the Samuel and Augusta Rosenwald Fund which came to us on January 11th. I want also to express for the Council sincere thanks to you and to the Fund for your generous help. As Dr. Mitchell told you in his letter, this has been a better year financially than we have had for some time and we are hopeful that the coming months may see more progress in this direction.

Thank you very much for your continued interest in the Council.

Sincerely,

Katherine Stoney,
Secretary-Treasurer

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LEONARD M. SPERRY
105 SOUTH STATE STREET
2090 MANDEVILLE CANYON ROAD
LOS ANGELES 49, CALIFORNIA

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Dear Mr Mitchell -

Enclosed is a check from the S & B Rosenwald Fund to assist in your fine work -

I am delighted to hear the good report of last years operations. And sincerely hope the new year will bring greater results from your efforts.

Warmest greetings for the New Year and if you write or see your brother Morris - please give him our best -

Sincerely

Leonard Sperry

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January 21, 1954

Mr. S. Rubin
1004-6 Gervais Street,
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Mr. Rubin:

How very kind of you to send to the Council a check for seventy five dollars from the Columbia United Jewish Appeal. We are most grateful to you and to all those who contributed to this fund.

We believe that we are having some success with our efforts to get a calm, reasonable approach to the matter of the "Courts and the Schools". Our pamphlet, Questions and Answers - The Schools and the Courts has just had its fifth printing and more than 25,000 copies have been sold to church groups, labor groups, civic organizations, schools and many others. We do not know how widely they are being used for local discussion groups but hear of ones being conducted from time to time.

Our annual audit report will be ready for 1953 within a few days. We will be glad to send you a copy.

Again our thanks to you and your kind friends in Columbia for your loyal support.

Sincerely,

Katherine Stoney,
Secretary-Treasurer

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Southern Regional Council
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January 25, 1954

Mr. Edwin Craig Wall
1607 Ninth Avenue,
Conway, South Carolina

Dear Mr. Wall:

On behalf of the Southern Regional Council I send you sincere thanks for your generous contribution which came to us on January 22nd.

The work of the Council is made possible by gifts such as yours. We have had what we feel is unusual success in our recent project on the "Schools and the Courts" and hope that we may have helped create a climate of opinion which will consider calmly and reasonably the decision of our Supreme Court.

We will be happy to send you our publication, NEW SOUTH during 1954 so that you may know something more of our work. The January issue should reach you within a week or so. It will give information about library facilities in the South.

Again our sincere thanks to you for your help.

Sincerely yours,

Katherine Stoney,
Secretary-Treasurer

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EDWIN CRAIG WALL
1607 NINTH AVENUE
CONWAY, SOUTH CAROLINA

January 19, 1954

Southern Regional Council, Inc.
Room 432, 63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

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Gentlemen:

Enclosed find check in the amount of $50.00 representing contribution from the writer toward your work.

Yours sincerely,

E. C. Wall

E. C. Wall

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Enclosure

February 15, 1954

Mrs. Eugene H. Spearman
1511 Laurel Street,
Columbia, S. C.

Dear Mrs. Spearman:

How very kind of you to send the Council the twenty-five dollar check which came to us on February 12th. You have been such a loyal friend - we only wish we could multiply you by several hundred!

We will, of course, share the money with the South Carolina Division as you asked. The amount will be added to the S.C. share of dues sent to Miss Reid. I hope to be able to send this on very soon.

I suppose you attended the recent meeting of the S. C. Council of Church Women and the S.C. Division of SRC in Columbia. It sounds as if they had a good attendance and a good meeting.

Do come to see us whenever you get to Atlanta. Best wishes come to you from all the staff members.

Sincerely,

Katherine Stoney,
Secretary-Treasurer

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Mrs Eugene H. Spearman
1511 Laurel St. Columbia S. C.

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March 5, 1954

Miss Gabrielle Austin
811 North Main Street,
Greenville, South Carolina

Dear Miss Austin:

How very kind of you to send to the Council such a generous contribution in addition to your dues. We are most grateful and assure you that it was needed and used well.

You may know that our main emphasis during these past several months has been the promotion of local discussion groups, mostly bi-racial, to discuss the matter of segregation in the schools and the problems facing us in light of the coming Supreme Court decision. Already many such discussion groups have been held in most of the Southern states and reports are that they have been most helpful.

Our continued thanks and best wishes to you.

Sincerely,

Katherine Stoney,
Secretary-Treasurer

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Atlanta, Georgia

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NAME Gabrielle Austin

ADDRESS 811 N. Main St Greenville S C

Please tear off this slip and return with your remittance.

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Mrs. Jessie Daniel Ames
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March 16, 1954

Mr. Wright Gellerstedt
1272 Oakdale Road, NE
Atlanta, Ga.

Dear Mr. Gellerstedt:

Thank you very much indeed for the generous check you sent to the Council on March 12th. We do appreciate all the help you have given us through the past several years.

I do not know directly of any places where your friend might find employment for the summer but suggest that if he is in Atlanta, or would like to write to them, that he get in touch with the Atlanta Urban League. They know where such opportunities might be and at least could advise him about how to find something.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

Katherine Stoney,
Secretary-Treasurer

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March 12

Dear Miss Stacey:

I have a Negro friend from Athens, about age 21, who is in his first year at Tuskegee. He needs a job this summer to earn next year's expenses. Do you know of any likely places in Atlanta where he might find such an opening?

Sincerely,

Wright Fellerstedt

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SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL

1272 Oakdale Rd
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March 16, 1954

Mr. & Mrs. Herbert Davidson
2 Braddock Avenue,
Daytona Beach, Florida

Dear Mr. & Mrs. Davidson:

You are most generous to send the Council twenty five dollars rather than the usual membership fee. We do appreciate the gift and assure you that it is being well used. Enclosed is our formal acknowledgement.

Having lived through so many weeks when we hoped the long awaited Ford grant might come through I'm beginning to be a bit wary of any indications, but this time it does look as if some action might be taken soon. We'll let you know just as soon as we hear.

Thank you for all your good work and good wishes for us. Come to see us when you can.

Best wishes to you both,

Sincerely,

Katherine Stoney,

March 29, '54

Dr. W. W. Alexander
New Hope Farm
Chapel Hill, N.C.

Dear Dr. Alexander,

I have been wondering whether Dr. Lawless would be willing to help us with a growing bear we've got by the tail.

Last Summer we put out Questions and Answers, the Schools and the Courts. Then followed it with a Check-List for your Local Schools. They were designed to be used by local interracial discussion groups; the first one to let people make friends about the issue, and the second to help them find the needed facts. Everybody helped on getting the two booklets distributed: The Southern Baptist Convention, the Southern Presbyterains, the Methodist Board of Education, the Congregationalists, the Christian Church, the Catholic Committee of the South, the various Jewish organizations, the Mississippi State Department of Education (a thousand of each), the various associations of Negro teachers, the A. F. of L., the C. I. O., the Y. M. and Y. W. C. A's, and so on and so on; over thirty thousand have been actually sold in this way to organizations active in this field.

But putting out pamphlets doesn't do a job. We needed field people to travel about and get local discussion groups going. I had no money, and not enough organization, to accomplish that. Could we get the Churches to take it on?

We began with the Atlanta office of the National Council of Churches. They talked with the New York people, and Oscar Lee up there assigned us a single man, experimentally. He did a noble job, in Central Kentucky, and wrote a comprehensive report on his trip. Man after man has opened that report with a frown, and had sat still until he read it all. The National Council liked what they had done. Soon they gave us Al Krueger of their office to travel in Southeast Virginia. They they sent Lanier Hunt to work Up-Country South Carolina. Oscar Lee himself promises a trip South to see Church leadership, especially in the Negro groups.

Next step was to get the idea taken up by the various Denominations. First the appropriate Board of the Protestant Episcopal Church endorsed the project, and agreed to get Mrs. F. O. Clarkson, of

Charlotte, to travel in West Central North Carolina in mid-May. Meanwhile the Congregationalists sent in Galen Weaver, whom I based on Elon College, in North Central North Carolina. Then the Methodist Church assigned us the services of seven local leaders in the Women's Society of Christian Service, two in Arkansas, two in Mississippi, two in Tennessee, and Mrs. Bragg, in St Louis. I have written all these ladies, and await their replies as to arrangements with them. Just the other day the Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A. has tentatively agreed to send out a man, and the Disciples of Christ (Christian Church) are exploring the matter. I think that the American Friends Service Committee will act, also.

I have talked with the appropriate official of the Board of Christian Life of the Southern Baptist Convention, and informed them of what is going forward, in the hope that they would take it up independently.

I know also that there is interest in the idea in certain Dioceses of the Catholic Church, in the South.

This is grass-roots education, extremely promising in building bridges between white and Negro citizenship locally, on the schools issue. Clearly a lot of traffic must go over these bridges, and they'll get wider. All we can do is get a few planks across the creek, but we are doing that in Shelbyville and Wetumpka and Off and Geneva and Graham and so on. Really quite exciting!

We ourselves made use of the fact that Professor C. H. Parrish at the U. of Louisville had a six-months Sabbatical leave, and paid for his travel (and hopefully some salary) to work Alabama in this way, for five weeks in February and March. His report came in just the other day, with a pleasant story: a member of a County School Board was talkin with one of the Negro High School Principals in the County. "I hear you have an extra good Math teacher and a crackerjack Social Science teacher at your school". "Yes, I think they're both excellent teachers". "I wish you'd send them over to my place to work on that boy of mine; he ain't learning a darn thing".

While all this goes on with little direct expense to us, because the Churches pay the travel, it does cost us a lot in telephone calls, in letter-writing, and in time. If Dr. Lawless could find us a thousand dollars to keep the administrative end of the project going we would be deeply grateful, and relieved of a pressing worry while we go ahead and act, anyway.

Would you be willing to write him, and suggest some help? I think it's a good use of money.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

April 12, 1954

Rev. Vincent J. O'Connell
506 Cedar Street,
St. Paul, Minn.

Dear Father Vince:

I did send you a formal acknowledgement from the Council for the gift of $10.00 which you sent to us recently, but I want to add this personal word of thanks and also to tell you (in case word hasn't reached you already) of the grant which the Ford Foundation's Fund for the Republic has made to us.

We have been given $240,000. with which to set up and get in operation state offices in 13 Southern States. These will be state organizations, each with its own officers, board and policy making functions as well as program and membership. But we will be able to help with the finances so that they can have a full time staff person with clericle help and office and communications expenses. Just now we are in the beginning stage and much is still to be done.

We wish very much that you were somewhere in the region so that you could give your advice and help to one of the groups. But we appreciate your interest and will certainly let you know how we progress.

Kindest regards from all the staff.

Sincerely,

Katherine Stoney,
Secretary-Treasurer

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NAME Vincent H. Monnell Sr.

ADDRESS 596 Cedar St, St Paul Minn

Please tear off this stub and enclose with your remittance

OK | Good luck to y'all
God love you
Bill

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April 12, 1954

Mr. & Mrs. J. Carson Pritchard
Carrollton, Georgia

Dear Mr. & Mrs. Pritchard:

I have delayed sending acknowledgement for the generous gift to the Council until I could send also a word of thanks. My apologies and assurance that the delay is not indicative of our lack of appreciation.

You can imagine that our office has been a busy one since the Fund for the Republic made the grant to us. We have been trying to readjust our thinking and planning to fit into the new picture and to take care of the usual duties at the same time. So things have been rather hectic.

But we are all so very pleased at the prospect of money enough to do a real job in the South that we can hardly wait to get things going.

Again our sincere thanks for your gift. We do have money, but we must raise a goodish sum on our own to satisfy the requirements of the grant and your help is the more appreciated.

Kindest regards from the staff.

Sincerely,

Katherine Stoney,
Secretary-Treasurer

April 20, 1954

Mrs. George Wolfe
7901 Carroll Avenue
Takoma Park, Maryland

Dear Mrs. Wolfe:

Thank you for your kind note. We, too are delighted and busy as can be trying to get the program going.

We certainly hope that you will come to Atlanta and that you will find time to come and see us.

I hope that you and your family are well, and that you are finding life in Washington reasonably pleasant these days. My family find it still good in many ways but depressing at times.

Kindest regards from Dr. Mitchell and myself and thanks for all the good work you have done for the Council.

Sincerely,

Katherine Stoney,
Secretary-Treasurer

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This is to remind you that it is time to renew your membership in the SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL. According to our records your last payment of dues was on January 195✓ covering the period thru 1953. We value you as a member and will appreciate your sending in your payment for the coming year as soon as possible.

Thank you for ~~your~~ cooperation.

K. Stoney
Katherine Stoney,
Secretary-Treasurer

Hurrah for Ford! -- Hope to see you and George if we get to Atlanta in June.

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NAME George & Bea Wolfe

ADDRESS 7901 Carroll Ave

Please tear off this stub and return with your remittance.

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May 17, 1954

President Arthur Gray
Talladega College
Talladega, Alabama

Dear Mr. Gray:

To you and the students of Talladega College I send the warm thanks of the Southern Regional Council for the gift of twenty three dollars and twenty six cents ($23.26) which came to us today. We appreciate this expression of confidence in our work on the part of your students.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely yours,

Katherine Stoney,
Secretary-Treasurer

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IF INCORRECT, PLEASE RETURN STATEMENT AND CHECK

May 28, 1954

Dean of the Chapel
Fisk Union Church
Fisk University
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Sir:

On behalf of the Southern Regional Council I send sincere thanks for the contribution of twenty dollars ($20.00) which the Fisk Union Church sent to us on May 25th. We are grateful both for the gift and the evidence of interest in our work.

During the coming months we will send you a copy of NEW SOUTH for your library or lounge. Will you please send us the name of the person to whom it should be addressed.

Again, our sincere thanks to you.

Sincerely,

Katherine Stoney
Secretary-Treasurer

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FISK UNIVERSITY

NASHVILLE 8, TENNESSEE

May 25, 1954

DEAN OF THE CHAPEL

The Southern Regional Council
63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Gentlemen:

18. Enclosed is a check for Twenty ($20.00) dollars from the Fisk Union ~~Church~~ as a contribution to the Southern Regional Council.

Sincerely yours,

Oswald O. Schrag

Office of Dean of Chapel
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January 27, 1955

Mrs. George Wolfe
7901 Carroll Avenue
Tacoma Park, Maryland

Dear Bea:

You were kind enough to say that sometime along in this year you would chip in.

The other people are due a great long rigmarole and I have to tell them what we are going to do. For you, none. I will send you an audit for 1954 in a few days.

Problem is, to put together enough to do the matching we have to do for the Fund for the Republic. We are within distant sight of it, so I don't ask you to tighten the family belt. But what can find its way into your budget would be tremendously helpful.

Best to your husband and to those children.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
cc: KS

January 27, 1955

Miss Elizabeth Stein
602 East Washington Street
Bloomington, Illinois

Dear Miss Stein:

Eventful year last year!

Some of the things we have tugged at so long began to slide, and fortunately the Council could be busier and bigger than before.

We had been working toward a grant from the Fund for the Republic, and finally in April, 1954, the first installment of it came through. They staked us to paid professional staff for strengthened race relations agencies in each of twelve Southern states. Also, they provided for moderate expansion of this central office to do a better job of supervising the twelve expanded programs. The first grant was in the handsome amount of $240,000, and we suppose that assistance from them, but in diminishing amounts, will continue for a total of three and a half years.

We have got active state organizations going now in North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi, Kentucky, Louisiana, and Texas. We have got reorganized groups, as yet unstaffed, in Arkansas, Tennessee, and Florida. Virginia comes along pretty soon with a meeting I am to be at next Tuesday in Richmond. By the way, I constantly see Mrs. Wayne Batty's name in all the lists of our good Virginia members.

We altered the structure of the Council and turned it into a single self-pertuating Board of Directors. Our members in the South were given back to the state organizations. Loyal associate members from the North and West still send in dues to the Southern Regional Council direct (and that makes up a sizeable nugget of revenue!)

There is a good deal of strain in the organization as it grows. We are unsettled here and there on points of policy. But we have hold of the central idea that if you get white and Negro people of similar status working together on a matter of common interest, they will find solutions. And, of course, the most pressing problem to be solved is the matter of the schools. Rambunctiousness we encounter here and there. But by and large, in my own judgment, the South has met the prospect of great change with more calm than I had expected.

On this point, I had a knowledgeable person say sometime ago, that so carefully had the newspapers of the South been cautioned that the decision of the Supreme Court should be calmly received that on the day after the decision, the editorial appeals for calmness reached a note positively hysterical.

You, as a school teacher, will have put a professional eye on a pamphlet we did last Fall, called Answers for Action. Subsequently we have done a reprinting with an improved map at the back, and I send you, separately, a copy of that. It has sold about 25,000 copies and will go through 30,000 we think. It was done to be used by local bi-racial discussion groups.

I go speaking about from point to point. Hard to make so many speeches and stay with the show too, but you hate to turn down chances to reach people directly in the local communities. On money, suprisingly, we have still got problems. Naturally, the Fund for the Republic requires us to raise quite a lot more than we have ever had to before. We have had good luck on that because both the Marshall Field Foundation and the Doris Duke Foundation have come to our aid with modest grants to strengthen New South. (Hope you will be seeing the results soon!) But still we are ten or eleven thousand dollars away from what we have to raise by September, 1955.

I will send the audit for last year as soon as it can be had, which should be in a week or so. Please help us again this year if you can. We are not in desperate straits, we admit. We do stand much in need of three, four, or five hundred dollars.

I observe on the calendar that I am due in Chicago March 5th, 6th, and 7th. The John Dewey Society on the 5th, and the outfit for Supervision and Curriculum Development on the 7th. Again I am back in Chicago March 16th for a meeting of the Council Against Discrimination. I will probably be in Chicago on the 17th also to speak to the Chicago or the Milwaukee chapter of the American Jewish Committee. Is there any chance that somewhere in either of those two times you and I could have a visit, or even the long-projected small gathering of your friends?

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

cc: KS

March 8, 1955

Mr. Carter Wesley
P.O. Box 3086
Houston, Texas

Dear Mr. Wesley:

For myself and for the Council I want to express sincere thanks for the check for $100.00 which came to us yesterday. We do appreciate your giving both the time to come to the meeting and this very generous contribution. Our official receipt is attached.

We shall hope that you can come to another Executive Committee meeting and that perhaps you may even have time for a visit.

Our best wishes to you and please give my regards to Mrs. Wesley. I suppose she is busily engaged in pre-convention activities at the Y.W.C.A.

Sincerely yours,

Katherine Stoney,
Secretary-Treasurer

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P.S. I did pass on the payment to Mrs. Alexander. Thanks

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P.O. BOX 3086
2418 LEELAND
HOUSTON 3, TEXAS

March 3, 1955

Mrs. Katherine Stoney
Secretary-Treasurer
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
63 Auburn Avenue, N. E. - Room 432
Atlanta 3, Georgia

MAR 7 1955

Dear Mrs. Stoney:

Thanks for yours of March 1, inclosing a check for $93.27 to cover expenses for attending the last Executive Committee meeting of the Southern Regional Council.

I am inclosing my check for $100 cr as a contribution to the Southern Regional Council, plus $5, which I'll request you to give to Mr. Roger's sister as reimbursement of the $5 she gave him for meeting me at the airport when I came there.

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Mrs. Wesley joins me in sending her best to you.

Sincerely,

Carter Wesley

Carter Wesley

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April 25, 1955

Mr. J. Carson Pritchard
42 West Center Street,
Carrollton, Georgia

Dear Mr. Pritchard:

The Council is very grateful for the most generous contribution which you sent us and which Harold Fleming has passed on to me. Please accept my apologies for having waited so long to acknowledge it, but a number of extra events have taken up a good deal of time recently.

You realize, I am sure, that our gift from the Fund for the Republic was given with the stipulation that we raise a large sum from other sources. Your gift will help us greatly with this.

Mrs. Tilly had a most encouraging meeting of leaders from the various churches on Friday and they were thrilled at the story of the visit in Carrollton of the Scarritt group. We are hoping that such occasions or similar ones may be repeated many times in Georgia.

Again our thanks and best wishes to you.

Sincerely,

Katherine Stoney,
Secretary-Treasurer

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October 15, 1954

NOTE:

On last Sunday (October 10), Marion Wright, as president of the Council, picked a nominating committee to report to the forthcoming Board meeting, November 10. This duty was placed upon Mr. Wright by resolution of the Executive Committee, July 30. The following are persons who were named:

Morris Abram
Guy Johnson,
John Wheeler - Chairman
Mrs Marion Paul, Columbia, South Carolina
Mrs. E. U. Robinson

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cc: Fred Routh

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Morris Abram
John Wheeler
Mrs. Marion Paul - unable to accept
Mrs. E. U. Robinson

October 15, 1954

Mr. Guy Johnson
University of North Carolina
Chapel Hill, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Johnson:

This is to ask you, on behalf of the president of the Council, to serve on the Nominating Committee in connection with the forthcoming Board meeting.

Mr. Wright's selection of the Nominating Committee was made October 10 at Linville Falls. He requested the services of John Wheeler as chairman, Guy Johnson, Morris Abram, Mrs. Marion Paul, and Mrs. E. U. Robinson.

The Nominating Committee has two functions: (1) to nominate persons to fill vacancies on the Board of the Southern Regional Council, and (2) to nominate officers of the Southern Regional Council.

Mr. Wright requests that the Nominating Committee meet November 9th, just the day before the meeting of the Board. Two o'clock p.m. is proposed as the time of assembly of the Nominating Committee at 63 Auburn Avenue, N. E., Atlanta 3, Georgia. As all members of the Nominating Committee are members of the Board, and as expenses of the Board members will be paid in any case, the commitment to cover expenses will include the extra day in Atlanta for attendance at the meeting of the Nominating Committee, November 9th.

You will be sent, in a day or two, a complete analysis of the present membership of the Board, with a list of the five or six vacancies on the Board, and the unexpired terms of those vacancies.

The present officers of the Council are the first five names on the letterhead, above, plus Leonard Haas, General Counsel. (The remaining positions on the letterhead are staff positions.)

Mr. Mynders has signified his intent to resign as Vice-President after the Board meeting November 10, and he will not be available for re-election to the Board or to office. So that it will be necessary to make at least one nomination to the list of officers; and the Committee may make nominations to any or all of the offices.

We are particularly anxious to strengthen the Board with people having links with the business life of the South. A small list has been compiled here of persons whose names have been suggested from time to time as suitable for membership on the Board, and these names will be made available to the Committee in case they are needed; but what is most needed is your fresh nominations.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
cc: Marion A. Wright
Katherine Stoney

MEMORANDUM

October 21, 1954

FOR CONSIDERATION BY NOMINATING COMMITTEE

From: Grace T. Hamilton

Re: SRC Board Members

Members of the Southern Regional Council (Board Members) may reasonably be expected to fill the following roles: (1) Participation in policy making; (2) providing their influence in the interest of the SRC, in fund-raising and financing, public opinion making, group representation (business and industry, labor, religion, education, press, and communications media, the professions, and with other organizations of related purposes).

Other factors which should be taken into account on the total Board membership include: geographical representation (although the ex-officio members from state organizations provide geographical balance in part); racial balance; and individual relationship to SRC state leadership.

The position of Treasurer might very well be filled by an elected layman, who would be virtue of his position become the chairman of the Finance Committee. This would tend to add to the prestige of the SRC for purposes of financing and fund-raising. This will require a minor change in the by-laws, Article VI.

The six officers' positions (president, three vice-presidents, and a treasurer) could be regarded as positions which could supplement the objectives above in addition to normal Board vacancies.

Article I, Section 2, which describes areas of the Council might well be modified to delete Oklahoma. Thus adding an additional place on the Board to be filled.

There should be some provision in the by-laws to permit filling the places of members of the SRC (Board), who, during a year's period of membership, have "shown no signs of life." Among present members whose place might be filled are:

*(U. S. Bond - Arkansas) ?
O. D. Duncan (would be excluded from the Board if Oklahoma were taken out of the area of the Council's operation)
S. Thomas Friedman - Houston, Texas (no longer there)
*(R. O'Hara Lanier - Houston, Texas) ?
Judge L. E. Thomas - Miami, Florida
A. S. Turnipseed - Alabama

If these six places were filled, and with the five places to be filled, and a treasurer as elected, twelve new people could be added. (Ten places if * not counted)

From an analysis of the present Board, the following states are weak in their numerical representation: Alabama, Arkansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, and Mississippi. The white representation in the Atlanta area is also limited.

Encls.

Suggestions for nominations to the Board.

ALABAMA:

1. William Kaufman, Director, Mobile Community Chest and Council.

2. York Wilburn. Head, Department of Political Science, University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa. Has worked with the Southern Governors' Conference. Said to have an enlightened conservative viewpoint. Is an expert in constitutional law.

3. Mrs. Myra Jones Bryant, Birmingham, Alabama. Husband is a physician. Former member of the National Board of the YWCA. Presently a part-time staff member, mental hygiene association. Active in many civic groups, state and national level. (N)

4. Ed Norton, Birmingham, Alabama. Chairman of the Board, Television Corporation (?)

ARKANSAS:

1. Harry Ashmore, Arkansas Gazette, Little Rock, Arkansas

2. M. Lafayette Harris, President, Philander-Smith College, Little Rock (N)

3. Mrs. E. J. Sparling, Hot Springs, Arkansas. Member of the National Board of the YWCA, member of State Board of Education, member of National Public Affairs Committee, YWCA, Active in many civic groups. Husband is a physician.

FLORIDA:

1. Isadore H. Burney, Executive of Afro-American Insurance Company. Former Atlantan. Jacksonville. (N)

2. Hollis Rinehart, Miami, Lawyer. Member of Florida's Board of Control, which has authority over the University system.

GEORGIA:

1. Robert Snodgrass (possibility for treasurer?) - Atlanta

2. Neil Andrews, Atlanta

3. Mrs. Robert McDougall, Atlanta

4. Curtis Dixon, Atlanta

KENTUCKY:

1. Mark Etheridge, Louisville

2. Alan Levy, Editorial Staff, Louisville Courier Journal.

3. Mrs. William Heuser, 3318 Trinity Road, Louisville, Kentucky. Member National Board YWCA; Chairman, Council of Church Women; member of Kentucky District of YWCA (rural). Husband, businessman.

LOUISIANA:

1. Monte Lemann, New Orleans. Attorney

2. Mrs. Jacqueline Leonhard. Elected member of the school board. Staff member, society for crippled children.

MISSISSIPPI:

1. Purser Hewitt. Managing Editor, Jackson Clarion Ledger.

2. Hodding Carter.

NORTH CAROLINA:

1. Don Shoemaker. Asheville. Editor of the Asheville Citizens Times

2. Chester Davis, Jr. Editorial and feature writer. Winston-Salem Journal Sentinel

3. Mrs. David Jones. Wife of President of Bennett College. Active in United Council of Church Women and in Methodist church. (N)

4. Dr. Raymond Wheeler, physician. Unitarian (workes regularly with Doris Duke Foundation)(medical interest). Charlotte.

5. Charles Babcock. Winston Salem. Son-in-law of R. J. Reynolds.

6. Dr. Will Alexander. Farmer. Chapel Hill, North Carolina. Head, for many years, of the Commission on Interracial Cooperation, and a two-term Board member of the Southern Regional Council.

7. Julian Price, Manufacturer and business executive. Greensboro, North Carolina.

8. Thomas Robinson. President-publisher, the Charlotte News.

9. Harry L. Golden - Editor. Carolina Israelite, Box 2505, Charlotte.

SOUTH CAROLINA:

1. James M. Dabbs, South Carolina. Former chairman of South Carolina Division. Farmer. Mayesville.

TENNESSEE:

1. Attorney Cecil Simms, Nashville.

2. Bishop Roy Short, Nashville (Methodist)

TEXAS:

1. Jerome K. Crossman, Ryan Petroleum Corporation, Suite 2008, First National Bank Building, Dallas.

VIRGINIA:

1. Mrs. J. Birdsall Calkins, Arlington, Virginia. Member National Board of YWCA, member World Council YWCA.

2. Frank Price, Lexington. Former moderator Southern Presbyterians.

	Replace	Add
ALABAMA:	A. S. Turnipseed	York Wilburn William Kaufman Ed Norton
ARKANSAS:	U. S. Bond (N)	M. Lafayette Harris (N) Harry Ashmore (Ed) Mrs. E. J. Sparling
FLORIDA:	Judge L. E. Thomas	I. H. Burney Hollis Rinehart
GEORGIA:		Robert Snodgrass Neil Andrews Mrs. Robert MacDougall Curtis Dixon
KENTUCKY:		Mark Etheridge Alan Levy Mrs. William Heuser
LOUISIANA:		Monte Lemann Mrs. Jacqueline Leonhard
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NORTH CAROLINA:		Don Shoemaker (Ed) Chester Davis, Jr. Mrs. David Jones (N) Dr. Raymond Wheeler Charles Babcock Dr. Will Alexander Julian Price Thomas Robinson Harry L. Golden (Ed)
SOUTH CAROLINA:		James M. Dabbs
TENNESSEE:		Cecil Simms Bishop Roy Short
TEXAS:	S. T. Friedman R O'Hara Lanier	Jerome K. Crossman
VIRGINIA:		Mrs. J. Birdsall Calkins Frank Price

Need white Atlantans - Neil Andrews
Mrs. Robert MacDougall
Curtis Dixon

October 29, 1954

Mrs. Marion B. Paul
2324 Washington Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Mrs. Paul:

We are sorry as the mischief that you can't serve on the Nominating Committee, but I quite understand that if you have got to be over here the week before, you can hardly come back the next.

Could you pop into this office for half an hour or so during your Atlanta stay, November 1-5, and review the names that have been listed and give us your opinion? Thus you would be doing half or two-thirds of the job of serving anyway and we wouldn't have to replace you on the Committee.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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2324 Washington Street
Columbia, S. C.
October 18, 1954

Dr. George Mitchell
Executive Director
63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Doctor Mitchell:

Thank you for your letter asking me to serve on the Nominating Committee in connection with the forthcoming Board meeting. I regret to state that it will not be possible for me to attend this meeting at all. A conference in connection with my position in the Extension Service will be in session in Atlanta, November 1-5, 1954. It is necessary that I attend this conference.

I am extremely disappointed because of the dates, as I had looked forward to serving, since this is my first year. I am sure you can understand that I could not be away from the State for a period of two weeks at this particular time of the year.

While I am in Atlanta, if time permits, I shall be happy to come by headquarters to say "howdy do".

I wish you continued success in this wonderful work.

Sincerely,

Marian B. Paul

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MBP/hb

Copies sent to:
Mary
Morris Abram
Mrs. E. H. Robinson
Guy Johnson

November 1, 1954

Mr. John Hervey Wheeler
Mechanics and Farmers Bank
Durham, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Wheeler:

We are so pleased that you find it possible to serve as the Chairman of the Nominating Committee of the Southern Regional Council, and that you can be here for the meeting on November 9th.

Several suggestions occur to us which seem appropriate for the Nominating Committee's consideration. Therefore, this letter to you in advance of the meeting. The Southern Regional Council, which is now a self-perpetuating corporation covering the region, should include in its membership representation of the major areas of influence in Southern life. The support of these "spheres of influence" is needed as the Council tries to build the South of the future. The creation of this sort of group is obviously not a quickly done job. It requires the careful consideration of a group who will have the needs before them for a long enough time to enable them to make clear and sound proposals. It is being suggested, therefore, that a Nominating Committee be elected at the annual meeting to serve and work during the coming year. (Draft of a proposed amendment establishing such a committee is attached.)

The by-laws of the Southern Regional Council define the body as "not more than fifty nor less than forty members"; plus the officers and plus two "ex-officio members" elected by affiliated state organizations. There are seven members' places to be filled this year, and there may also be one vice-president's position. It is being suggested that the Treasurer of the Southern Regional Council be an elected layman in order to increase the identification with, and responsibility for, the financial support of the Council by an officer and his committee.

The Nominating Committee will, therefore, have the following responsibilities:

(1) Nominations to fill the seven vacancies in the membership of the corporation.
(2) Nomination of officers (president, four vice-presidents, and treasurer).
(3) Nominations for the Executive Committee. (Not more than nine plus officers -- present Executive Committee list attached.)
(4) Nomination of three members of the Nominating Committee to work during 1955.

In considering the places which can be filled this year, it is noted that representation of white business and financial interests and white Protestant church leadership is either limited or absent. Alabama, Georgia, Florida, Mississippi and Texas, are the geographic areas in which influential white representation is most limited. In the effort to close these gaps the following suggestions have come to us:

Georgia: Treasurer - Mr. J. R. Shelor
Vice-President
Fulton National Bank
Atlanta, Georgia

Dr. Philip Weltner
Former Chancellor Oglethorpe University

Florida: Mr. Hollis Rinehart
Miami
Lawyer, member of Florida's Board of Control

Alabama: Edward Norton, prominent businessman
Birmingham

Mississippi: Hodding Carter
Editor and Publisher
Democrat-Times
Greenville, Mississippi

Tennessee: Bishop Roy Short
Methodist Church
Holston Conference (Parts of Tenn. Ky. N.C. and Va.)

Texas: Mr. Jerome K. Crossman
Ryan Petroleum Corporation
First National Bank Building
Dallas, Texas
(Former President Dallas Chamber of Commerce)

Arkansas: Mr. Harry Ashmore
Editor
Arkansas Gazette
Little Rock

It is desirable to have some indication prior to submitting their names for election as to whether or not these people would be willing to serve if elected, so some informal inquiries will be made before the Committee's meeting. The members of the Nominating Committee will, no doubt, have other names to add to these which are before us.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Grace T. Hamilton
Assistant Director for
Program Planning

Proposed Amendments to By-Laws of the Southern Regional Council, Inc. --
Providing for office of Treasurer and for a Nominating Committee.

ARTICLE II

Section 1A-3. To read: The president, vice presidents, treasurer, the executive director and assistant directors ~~and the counsel shall~~ also be ex-officio members.

ARTICLE V.

Section 1. Add - Treasurer, after vice-presidents; (change associate director to assistant directors.)

Change present Section 4 to become Section 5.

Section 4. Nominating Committee. There shall be a nominating committee of not less than five members. Three members shall be elected by the Corporation at its annual meeting, and one of these shall be an "ex-officio member from an affiliated state organization. Two members shall be appointed by the president and the Executive Committee.

The nominating committee shall meet at least thirty (30)days before the annual meeting for the purpose of nominating (1) members of the corporation; (2) officers of the corporation; (3) members of the executive committee; and (4) these members of the succeeding nominating committee.

ARTICLE VI. OFFICERS

Section 1. Change sentence to read - The offices of secretary and treasurer may be held by the same person, but if filled separately, the secretary need not be a member of the corporation.

The executive director, assistant directors and the secretary shall be subject to confirmation annually by the Council upon the recommendation of the executive committee.

Section 8. Treasurer. Delete:- "and such other duties as shall be assigned to him by the Council.

Add:- the treasurer shall serve as chairman of the Council's finance committee.

November 5, 1954

MEMORANDUM

TO: GSM
FROM: GTH

RE: Telephone conversation November 5th with Mrs. E.U. Robinson, member of Nominating Committee, Gallatin, Tennessee

I called Mrs. Robinson because we had had no word about her being able to come for the Nominating Committee meeting on November 9th and no final word about her coming to the SRC meeting November 10th, and also to ask her judgment about the Committee's proposing Bishop Roy Short as a member of the SRC.

She said that she received the notice of the date of the Nominating Committee's meeting too late to plan to come and she greatly regretted it. She also felt that she could not come to the SRC meeting because of the pressure of her schedule. She was enthusiastic about the possibility of electing Bishop Short to the Council's membership, agreed to see him and find out whether he would be willing to serve and to let us know by telegram before the morning of November 10th.

In the event Bishop Short is unavailable she agreed that Bishop Watkins (Kentucky and parts of west Tennessee including Memphis) would be a very desirable alternate.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL
November 10, 1954

The staff and the Nominating Committee recommend to the Council the passage of the following resolution:

WHEREAS ARTICLE V, Section 4, of the By-Laws provide that "The Council may by resolution provide for such other standing or special committees as it deems desirable and may discontinue the same at pleasure," therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that a Nominating Committee of not less than five members, three of whom shall be elected by the Council at its annual meeting, one of whom shall be its "ex-officio" member from an affiliated organization, and two of whom shall be appointed by the president and the Executive Committee, shall be constituted.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Nominating Committee shall meet at least thirty (30) days before the annual meeting for the purpose of nominating:

1. Members of the Council;
2. Officers of the Council;
3. Members of the Executive Committee; and
4. Members of the succeeding Nominating Committee

November 11, 1954

MEMORANDUM

To: GTH

From: GSM

Will you be good enough to take responsibility for:

(1) Re shaping the resolution re nominating committee back into proper language for use as a By-Law amendment; and as a consequence of that giving an official memo to Katherine Stoney suggesting the proposed amending language and putting a copy of it in a folder for the next meeting of the Executive Committee for their similar approval;

(2) Correspond with the three persons elected to next year's nominating committee (Mays and Hammer were absent -- Brimm was present), notifying the absentees of their election.

(3) Prepare another memorandum re probable vacancies for next year. Ask them to begin figuring out suggestions. Decide whether you wish to summon them for an early meeting or what.

(4) Be responsible for prompting the Executive Committee to make its two further elections jointly with Marion Wright at the next meeting of the Executive Committee.

In other words, handle the business of the nominating committee.

To - G.S.M.

November 15, 1954

MEMORANDUM

TO: GTH

FROM: GSM

Ordinarily I would ask Fred to attend to this, but he will not be available in time. Could you, therefore, be responsible for presenting to the meeting of the Executive Committee, November 23rd, appropriate language to confirm the Nominating Committee through the medium of the By-Laws?

In addition to redrawing the resolution for the By-Laws you should assign to the new by-law its appropriate position among articles and sections.

cc: Fred Routh

attached please find
copy - checked by H. F. v G.T.H.
(Copies for Exec. Com.)
also attached.

G.T.H.

November 15, 1954

Nominating Comm

TO: G.S. Mitchell
Executive Committee

RE: Amendment to the by-laws of the Southern Regional Council approved by the SRC November 10, 1954

Approved - 11/23/54 - By Exec Com.

Article V.

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Reverend Hugh Brim
Southern Baptist Theological Seminary
Louisville, Kentucky

Dear Reverend Brim:

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Yours sincerely,

(Mrs.) Grace T. Hamilton
Assistant Director

GTH/rnf

November 15, 1954

Mr. Philip Hammer
Hammer and Company
Glenn Building
Atlanta, Georgia

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GTH/rnf

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Yours sincerely,

(Mrs.) Grace T. Hamilton
Assistant Director

GTH/rnf

accepted membership 12/20/54 to T.B.R.

November 16, 1954

Mr. I. H. Burney
Afro-American Life Insurance Company
P. O. Box 660
Jacksonville, Florida

Dear Mr. Burney:

The Board of the Southern Regional Council at their meeting here in Atlanta November 10th did themselves the honor of electing you to one of the seven vacancies on the Board. I do hope you will accept.

The present members of the Board are listed in the enclosure.

The others elected November 10th included Philip Weltner, who used to be the head of Oglethorpe University here in Atlanta. Philip Hammer, consultant in city planning. Mr. Ed Norton of Birmingham. Hodding Carter of Mississippi. Bishop Watkins of Louisville, and Mr. Jerome Crossman of Dallas.

We hope to get going soon in Florida a Florida Council on Human Relations, and a series of meetings are planned to complete the organization of such a body based on the former Florida Division of the Southern Regional Council. Mr. Davisson Dunlap is the present chairman of the Florida Division.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl.
Dictated by Dr. Mitchell/signed in his absence.

Southern Regional Council

_____, 194____

TO: G. S. M. ☐

FROM: — G. T. H.

This material is referred to you for:

1. Information	( )	4. Reply	( )
2. Consideration	( )	5. Suggested Reply	( )
3. Recommendation	( )	6. Signature	( )

7. Please circulate to:

Director	( )	Sec'ty.-Treasurer	( )
Associate Director	( )	_____	( )
Pub. Relations Dir.	( )	_____	( )
_____	( )	_____	( )

8. Please return to this office ( )

9. Please return to secretary for filing ( )

COMMENTS OR INSTRUCTIONS

Copies for your Exec. Com. folder

November 18, 1954

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mr. Marion A. Wright

FROM: Mrs. Grace T. Hamilton

In consideration of necessary balance in the 1955 Nominating Committee's membership it would be helpful if "the two members appointed by joint action of the President and the Executive Committee" were:

Mrs. Cassandra Birnie - Atlanta, Ga.
Rt.Rev. Maurice Shean - Rock Hill, S.C.

The three members elected by the SRC are:

Rev. Hugh Brim (Ex-officio for Kentucky)
Mr. Philip Hammer - Atlanta, Ga.
Dr. B.E. Mays - Atlanta, Ga.

The latest committee will thus include representation of the several constituent parts of the SRC (members, an ex-officio member, Executive Committee members).

It is also a group which it is possible to convene for meetings without difficulty.

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OF THE
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9. To present the facts about the region and their implications.

ks/12/3/54

The following are the general functions of the Southern Regional Council and a list of specific criteria for state programs, each briefly discussed:

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CRITERIA FOR EVALUATING PROGRAM PROPOSALS
OF STATE ORGANIZATIONS AFFILIATED WITH SRC

I. Is the program proposed compatible with SRC's policy and aims?

See the preceding list of SRC functions as defined in the statement of policy and aims, December 1951. A leaflet reprinting the entire policy statement is enclosed.

II. Who made the plan?

See Item 1 in the list of functions. Your proposed program should reflect the combined thinking and approval of representative members of the state Board, including both races and the various religious and organizational interests represented.

III. Is the program oriented to the main challenge facing the state at this time - i.e., adjustment to the Supreme Court decision?

While it is expected that the state organizations will be broadly interested in the human relations problems and opportunities of their states, the challenge of the decision should be recognized as the focal point of action in this field. Obviously this will mean different things in different states. In some of the more advanced states, it may mean working with educational authorities, parent-teacher groups, and others on the mechanics and details of school integration as an accepted goal. In other more uncertain states, it will be necessary to aim program activities at building more acceptance for the idea of integration. In the deep South states, the work of persuasion must start on an even more elementary level and interest may have to be sought for such intermediate objectives as preserving the public school system, combatting intimidation and economic pressure on Negro and liberal white spokesmen, emphasizing church pronouncements and the importance of abiding by the law despite personal preference. However, these varying approaches all have in common the recognition that compliance with the Supreme Court's decision must be an ultimate goal of our operation.

IV. How practical is the program in terms of the organization's staff and resources?

There are clearly strict limits on what one professional staff person -- or even two -- can do by way of personal contact and the influencing of opinion. The central office's concept of staff function, in the light of these limitations, should be applicable to the state organizations as well. Generally, it recognizes that we are not aiming to influence directly people in the mass. Rather, we are trying to stimulate and assist key local people. Every community has its present or potential "spark plugs" whose racial views are enlightened. They may be ministers, church women, public officials, businessmen, civic and labor leaders, newspapermen -- in short, anyone who plays an influential role in the life of the community. These are the people with whom we work. Staff time should be spent mainly in planning with and activating such key people, through personal contact, SRC materials, and correspondence. (See Item 4 in the list of functions.)

The importance of bi-racial professional staff is evident in this definition of the job to be done. We can hardly hope to persuade perceptive lo-

cal people of our good faith unless we exemplify in our own organization the principles we are advocating. Nor, in this divided society, can we bring people of the two races together unless the insights of both races are reflected both at the policy and at the staff levels. Contrary to some assumptions about human relations activity, a Negro staff member may often approach white leadership more effectively than a white staff member; and a bi-racial professional staff will increase, rather than lessen, respect for our organizations and belief in our sincerity.

The ways in which bi-racial staff can be attained -- through additional fund-raising for salaries, through employment of consultants, etc. -- have been and will be dealt with elsewhere. But this should be an ever-present consideration in program planning.

V. <u>To what extent does the program involve lay community leadership?</u>

In view of our limited staff, much of the program load must be shared by Board members and other individuals related to the state organizations. Every such person should be an active influence in his or her community, working closely with state staff, and involving other local people in the program of the state organization.

Members of the state organization's policy group should also participate in statewide program. The most effective way to accomplish this is for the Board to establish its own subgroups which will be concerned with particular phases of the organization's activity, including fund-raising. Without such lay participation, at both the community and the state level, the staff will find it virtually impossible to implement an effective program.

VI. <u>Does the program aim at developing processes which in themselves lead to the elimination of racial distinctions?</u>

Every state and every community has its own particular character and circumstances to which program must be adapted; it is for that reason that we have put emphasis on the large degree of self-determination that must be exercised by each state organization in shaping its structure and program. Given that fact, however, it can probably be said that every effective community-action program will have as its effect a process in which white and Negro citizens of comparable achievements and interests are communicating and planning together as equals. The success, then, of a state program can be evaluated in terms of its effectiveness in encouraging and assisting this process in the public and institutional life of a state. Such local planning and discussion today clearly should center on the overriding question of adjustment to the Supreme Court's decision -- gathering the facts about the local school system and reaching agreement on practical steps to be taken.

The formation of new local interracial groups is sometimes an appropriate way to achieve this, but it is by no means the only way or the best way. It is often more fruitful to explore the opportunities for sound process within existing bodies and community activities. Examples.

A. Bonafide Negro representation on school boards and other official bodies.

B. Negro participation at the policy level in such agencies as community chests and councils, YMCA's and YWCA's, hospital boards, professional

associations, and other quasi-public agencies.

C. Bi-racial participation -- preferably through integrated membership, but when necessary through liaison committees -- in such private organizations as PTA's, teachers associations, councils of church women, ministerial associations, and the like.

D. The self-survey method, in which community leaders join together across the lines of race, religion, and interest groups to gather the facts about common problems and plan remedies. This technique is amply discussed in SRC literature and should be familiar to all state personnel.

Where full participation is not thought to be immediately possible, interim steps, such as Negro advisory committees or advisory interracial groups, may be temporarily useful but great care should be taken to insure that they do not become permanent "escape hatches" for those in authority. There is no substitute for full and unqualified participation by all segments of the community.

There are many ways in which the state organization can promote the growth of democratic process. Obvious examples are: conference with community leadership or persons with access to community leadership; informing individuals and the public generally of good precedents in other communities in the state or in the South; offering technical assistance in the form of materials and consultation (for example, the self-survey).

VII. Does the program tend to strengthen the representativeness of the state organization?

This refers to the fact that careful attention should be given to involving persons who are representative of as many religious, professional, and civic interests as possible.

VIII. Does the program seek to make maximum use of SRC materials?

There is a variety of ways in which the materials of SRC and related agencies can be useful in increasing the outreach and effectiveness of the state program.

A. To disseminate through the press and other public media information that will stimulate constructive action.

B. To promote understanding of the services and methods of the organization itself.

C. To assist local people in adapting to their community techniques that have worked elsewhere.

Thus the use of materials should be regarded not as incidental, but as integral to, the program.

IX. Does the program create a basis for self support?

The broad objective of SRC's work with affiliated state groups is the formation, within a comparatively short time, of effective, independent, self-

supporting human relations services in each Southern state. The period of subsidy is short. If the goal is to be achieved, the state organization must not only raise the required supplementing funds for today, but quickly establish itself as an indispensible service to forward-looking individuals and agencies throughout the state. And this can only be accomplished by good programming that gets results. In this sense fund-raising cannot be viewed as a thing apart from program; they must be planned together.

GSM/as/rnf
12/14/54

June 23, 1954

MEMORANDUM

To: GSM

From: GTH

May I make the following suggestions?

1. That during the months of June, July, and August, we try to clarify and complete an understanding of the procedure for organization of state groups; to determine the jobs of the Central Office staff in relation to State organizations; to determine the jobs of the Central Office and what helps are needed in order to do them well (clerical, space, equipment, etc.).

2. That we aim to have employed, by mid-July or August 1 at the latest, one program person in order that he may assume responsibility for coordinating the developments in States -- taking advantage of the knowledge we will have as a result of Parrish's work.

3. That my period on a full-time basis with the SRC be to September 1. By this time we should know more exactly what needs to be done and can decide about future plans for this position.

4. This latter suggestion is in line with my conversation with you about what is needed to insure the development of the kind of State organizations we hope for. In the initial contacts with the States it seems to me essential that there be a "team approach" from the Central Office during this first year. This will demonstrate the nature of our purposes and add to the understanding of the total situation with which the Central Office must be able to deal. If we plan to concentrate

upon community compliance with the decision, we might need to consider, as one program associate, a person with particular knowledge of school as well as community organization. (Aaron Brown might be a possibility.)

It might be well to talk about Mr. Brewer's availability for a program job. He seems to me to have many of the qualities needed. I had a long conversation with him yesterday afternoon. He will be back in Atlanta next week I understand.

November 5, 1954

MEMORANDUM

TO: Dr. George S. Mitchell
FROM: Grace T. Hamilton GTH
RE: PROPOSALS FOR ADMINISTRATIVE AND PROGRAM PLANNING COMMITTEE

Ever since I was invited to join the staff of the SRC as associate director, I have been preoccupied by the question of how the SRC could become more effective in the program which the grant from the Fund for the Republic made possible, and which at this particular time is so needed. The possibilities, the preparation, the planning and the work seemed to me then and now tremendous. (It startles me, even now after six months, to realize that in April the SRC had its financial resources multiplied by ten, and was committed to an expanded operation which would involve an increase in its staff of five or six people, all working in a central office, to a staff of at least thirty-two professionals and sixteen semi-professionals working across the region in twelve states and in a central office. At the same time we accepted a commitment to triple the funds raised in the region for the organization's support during the first year and to do even more in the three following years.)

I requested, and was granted, an eighteen months' leave from the directorship of the Atlanta Urban League because the opportunities made possible by the grant seemed so challenging. It seemed fundamental that the SRC's purpose could be served in new ways, if the new resources were used to develop a program, an organizational structure, and administrative procedures which would demonstrate in our own organization, the principles which we hope to have accepted by other groups and institutions throughout the South. I thought of the position as one involving administrative responsibilities delegated by the Executive Director and the appropriate organizational committees -- a position made necessary because the enlarged responsibility for fund raising and organizational interpretation

required increased and extended absences by the Director. It seemed likely that these added commitments would handicap the Director in carrying out detailed development of a structure which would be needed to undergird the SRC's new growth and development.

The Southern Regional Council, which is now a self-perpetuating organization covering the region, should include in its membership and involve in its program, representatives of the major areas of influence in Southern life. The support of these spheres of influence is needed by the Council in its efforts to build the South of the future. The development of a structure which will enable the Council to increasingly include such persons in its program activities thus becomes part of the continuing process for achievement of the Council's purposes.

In the months since, I have tried to apply the concept of organizational administration, which I have developed during sixteen years administrative experience in organizations with purposes related to those of the Council (National Y.W.C.A. and Atlanta Urban League), to the SRC's organizational possibilities. Proposals which I make are a result of this concept. Harleigh Trecher has defined it so well that I quote:

> "Administration is a creative process of thinking, planning and action inextricably bound up with the whole organization or agency. <u>It is a process of working with people to set goals, building organizational relationships, to distribute responsibility, to conduct programs and to evaluate accomplishments</u>. Administrative functions are responsibilities widely distributed in contrast with authority centered in one individual; administration in its proper setting is an inherent part of the whole organizational

process rather than merely a tool, adjunct or facilitating devices."

As applied to the SRC and the possibilities for its future, if it is to be a continuing and effective organization, opportunities must be provided to use the interests, insights, knowledge and skills of its members and supporters in its administrative and program planning. The extent to which these responsibilities involve participation by "the members of the corporation" in cooperation with its professional staff, who are its agents, will largely determine whether it becomes an on-going agency with vitality not so largely dependent upon its employed officers.

It was in the spirit of this concept that we proposed definitions of professional staff functions to the Executive Committee at their July meeting. This was a step toward the development of a central staff structure equipped to carry responsibility for the organization and development of the "field program." The relationship of these staff members to the Executive Committees and Boards of state units, provide the opportunities, in this part of our program, for responsibility being shared between our lay leadership and the employed staff. The position of Assistant for Program Planning established the function of program planning as an essential part of the organization's administrative structure. The ways in which this function can be related to the whole remains to be developed.

We have proposed two other steps which can move us forward in the same direction; the establishment of a nominating committee whose functions will be defined in the resolution creating it; and the proposed election of a treasurer and the establishment of a finance committee with his cooperation.

I would like to suggest another step which in my opinion will move us forward. It is the establishment of a small "administrative and program planning committee." I would suggest a group of three to five people resident in the Atlanta area. Its members should be people devoted to the Council's purpose, familiar with its organizational history and with organizational administrative experience and skill.

It could be established under the existing by-laws as a group to serve the Executive Committee, the professional staff and, through them, the Council. Its definition of responsibility would be the preparation of recommendations for policy, program and process ---- for Executive Committee action and staff implementation.

Such a group could help in the creation of a sound framework for the SRC's development and could help to influence the relationships beyond the region which would aid the SRC's purposes. I believe that it would also help us (staff) and the Executive Committee make sound decisions on questions relating to program planning and administration which remain unanswered at the present and for which there is no established process for securing answers. I have in mind such matters as: the evaluation of program projects in relation to available staff and budget; the definition of needed staff positions in relation to program possibilities for which, at the present, there is no financial support; the development of budget in relation to program needs; the development of personnel standards, codes and salary scales in relation to the professional, semi-professional and clerical functions required by a growing program. The application of the principles underlying the SRC's purpose to its organizational procedures and administrative practices are relevant even to questions which may on the surface appear to be merely procedural. Strong "policy

directives" are so frequently defeated by weak or inadequate administration in the operation of government agencies! The assistant for program planning could carry the staff responsibility for the committee's work with other staff members and members of the Council co-opted as needed in the committee's work.

I will be happy to give you the benefit of my thinking upon the Committee's chairmanship and personnel, if this proposal is thought to have merit.

November 12, 1954

MEMORANDUM

TO: George S. Mitchell
FROM: Grace T. Hamilton — G. T. H.

You will note from the date of the attached memo that it was prepared for our meetings with state staff members and the SRC. As a result of these meetings, I am more confirmed in my belief that it is of the utmost importance that early consideration be given to provision for coordination of planning and administration in functions of the central office of the SRC and its relations with state organizations.

The attached sheet is an outline of the jobs of the central office. I would urge that a first step be the appointment of an administrative and program planning committee (as described in the November 5th memo). [Its first assignment should be to make suggestions for improvement in our present operation on the basis of a review and evaluation of the way in which these functions are presently fulfilled.]

Nine months of our operation under the grant from the Fund for the Republic have passed. If we hope to fulfill our commitments coordination of planning and administration would seem to be essential.

I hope that you will feel that it is advisable to share the suggestion with the President and Chairman of the Executive Committee of the SRC. I would hope that the following members of the Council would be included in the Committee's membership: Miss Josephine Wilkins, Mr. Philip Hammer and Mr. Morris Abram. I would hope that Miss Wilkins would agree to serve as the Committee's chairman.

JOBS OF THE CENTRAL OFFICE
SRC

Overall program development, evaluation, and organizational administration -- including "women's and church" related work.

Liaison with Board and Executive Committee -- planning and follow-up of action on policy and program matters determined by the Executive Committee.

Coordination of professional staff functions.

Professional direction and supervision of professional staff.

Fund raising.

Budgeting.

Reporting of financial status and program.

Public information and education: includes preparation of pamphlets and promotion leaflets, editing and promotion of New South, press relations, information services to public media, organizations, special visitors, and in answer to mail queries, maintenance of clippings and materials file, coordination of fact finding and research interpretation with services listed.

Organization and supervision of state units -- includes developing proposals for programs; criteria for staff employment; basis for financial support, coordination of effort between other organizations with related interests and purposes.

Consultative services, speech making, representation at conferences, workshops, etc. Liaison with other organizations and agencies.

Supporting services:

a. Office management, including provisions for space, equipment and working materials, coordination of clerical assistants, maintenance of central files, purchasing of equipment and supplies, distribution and mailing of New South.

b. Accounting and bookkeeping.

State organizations and central office.

December 3, 1954

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mr. Morris B. Abram
~~Mr. John A. Griffin~~
Mr. Philip G. Hammer
Miss Cassandra Maxwell
Dr. H.V. Richardson
Miss Josephine Wilkins
Mr. Harold C. Fleming
FROM: Mrs. Grace T. Hamilton

The Program Planning Committee of SRC will meet on Sunday, December 5th, at 3:00 pm at the Hamilton's residence, 582 University Place, N.W., Atlanta.

Enclosed is a list of questions which the committee may wish to consider as it plans its future work. A list of reference materials available follows. References mentioned under I (1) and I (2) are enclosed.

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December 3, 1954

SUGGESTED QUESTIONS FOR PROGRAM PLANNING COMMITTEE

I. What are SRC program commitments?

1. Implicit in statement of policy and aims?

2. Implied in requests for grants?

3. Resulting from present social situation (Implications of SRC Board discussion of program)?

II. What is the present program in relations to commitments?

III. What indications are there for 1955 program development implied by I. and II.

REFERENCE MATERIALS AVAILABLE

I. 1. SRC functions as defined in "statement of policy and aims."

2. SRC functions described in requests for grants -- chronological excerpts, Fund for the Republic, Duke, Field and Ford.

3. Excerpts from record of SRC Board regarding program development.

II. Outline of central office functions.

The analysis of 1954 income by categoties.

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63 Auburn Avenue, N.E.
Atlanta, Georgia

December 3, 1954

Josephine Wilkins
387 Milledge Avenue
Athens, Georgia

Sunday
Meeting/at 3:00 instead of 3:30. Hope you can come.

Grace T. Hamilton

Program Planning Committee — Dec. 5, 1954

Afternoon - GTH Residence

Attending - HCF, GTH

December 7, 1954

MEMORANDUM

TO: Miss Josephine Wilkins
Mr. Morris Abram
Mrs. James Birnie
Mr. Philip Hammer
Dr. H.V. Richardson
Mr. Harold C. Fleming

FROM: Mrs. Grace T. Hamilton

RE: Program Planning Committee Meeting - Dec. 9, 1954

As we agreed, the Program Planning Committee will meet on Thursday evening, December 9th, at 7:30 p.m., at the Hamilton house.

It has been suggested that we begin with considerations of program implicit in the requests for support and move to consideration of present functions and staff.

GTH/rmf

Note for Dr. Richardson:

The first meeting of the Program Planning Committee was held Sunday afternoon, December 5th. We missed you and count upon your help in the weeks ahead. I enclose copies of the materials which were distributed at the meeting so that you may have an opportunity to read them before the second meeting.

GTH

1. Outline of Executive Office Functions
2. Program Functions Implicit in the Statement of Policy of the SRV
3. Program Commitments in Requests for Support

December 7, 1954

SUMMARY OF THE PROGRAM PLANNING MEETING
Sunday, December 5, 1954

Attendance: Morris B. Abram
Mrs. James Birnie
Philip G. Hammer
Miss Josephine Wilkins
Harry Richardson (absent)

Staff: Harold Fleming
Grace Hamilton
C.H. Parrish

It was agreed that Mr. Abrams would serve as temporary chairman.

The following materials had been sent to the committee members prior to the meeting: (1) Excerpts from stenographer's record of November 10th SRC Board Meeting; (2) SRC statement of policy and aims in terms of program objectives.

It was agreed that the committee's purpose was to develop recommendations for SRC program in order that commitments inherent in its purpose and in the grants for its support could be met.

During discussion of the situation prevailing in the region it was the consensus that:

The sweeping nature of the Supreme Court's decision created a situation for which the SRC and "the liberal elements of the white South" were unprepared. The South is now in a twilight zone because the power structure has not yet been galvanized to action -- now possible for politicians to say "there shall never an end to segregation." The situation and SRC's lack of preparation for it requires thorough re-appraisal of what is now possible. There is urgency because "the environment" will be changed as soon as the decrees are formulated.

The discussion of the "state organizations" proposed as a large part of the SRC program in the request for FFR support -- it was agreed that the SRC has a "method of dealing with the problem" which can be an asset to the region; that the SRC can be useful in the present situation, "can be held in esteem only so long as there is evidence that it has something of use to the region."

Communities in all states stand in need of "a service" (help in developing the SRC method for dealing with problems). It was felt that this service could not be developed unless there is clarification of the purpose and functions of state organizations, cannot be developed by a "mass membership organization" with fund-raising as a first objective and statewide membership meetings as a way of work; cannot be done without the support and counsel of a responsible group of able citizens considering together on a basis of complete equality what is advisable and what is possible. It was agreed that transition from interracial association in general (characteristic in the main of old interracial commissions) to a concept of functional democratic groups focusing attention on specific problems, was essential. This was stated in another way as transition from "the lingering paternalism" which is now evident in many of the state groups who are attempting reorganization under the new basis of support by the SRC.

It was suggested that in recruiting lay leadership for the SRC, either at the state or regional level, an approach of white persons to Negroes and Negroes to white persons might be the most useful technique. The necessity for joint staff contacts (Negro and white) with state

groups by the regional office was essential as an aid to interpreting the process and method which is the SRC's stock in trade.

It was suggested that a re-appraisal of the situation and of commitments made in securing the grant might require modification and/or re-interpretation and redefinition of SRC program intent.

The following materials were distributed for study before the next meeting: (1) SRC Functions Described in Requests for Grant -- Chronological Excerpts; (2) Outline of Central Office Functions; (3) Analysis of 1954 Income by Categories of Source.

Second meeting to be Thursday, December 9, 1954, at 7:30 p.m., at 582 University Place, Atlanta, Georgia.

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Program Planning Committee -- Dec. 9, 1954

Evening - ~~7:30~~ 8:15 p.m.

~~GTH Residence.~~ Morris Abram Residence

Attending - HCF, GTH, FBR

December 10, 1954

MINUTES OF PROGRAM PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING
December 9, 1954

Attendance: Morris Abram
Mrs. James Birnie
Philip Hammer
Miss Josephine Wilkins
Harold Fleming - staff
Frederick Routh "
Grace Hamilton "

The committee requested the staff to complete answers to the following questions as a basis for the committee's on-going work:

I. What are the specific and binding conditions of the grant to the SRC from the Fund for the Republic?

II. How is the overall program of the SRC developed?

A. What is the role of the Board?

1. How is the agenda for Board meetings prepared?

2. What information and materials are sent to Board members before Board meetings; and what materials and information are sent to Board members regularly?

B. What is the role of the Executive Committee?

III. ~~Cat~~ What is the role of the staff?

III. What are the functions of the central staff and how are the responsibilities for these functions distributed?

A. What criteria are used to determine use of each staff member's time?

IV. How is program related to budgeting?

V. What steps are being taken to meet the SRC's obvious responsibilities in critical areas of the South like Clarendon County, S.C. and Prince Edwards County, Va.?

It was agreed that these questions should be typed and sent for further consideration to committee members and that a second meeting to review and complete the necessary questions would be scheduled.

** It has been suggested that the next meeting be planned for either Tuesday, December 14th, or Wednesday, December 15th, in order that this step may be completed.

We are sending you under separate cover a complete set of the memoranda which has been sent to SRC's members in the states.

rnf

Memo . . . FROM THE DESK OF
. . . GRACE T. HAMILTON . . .

Dec. 15-15-4

To G. S. M.

Morris Cohen & J. Walter Jones (presiding Treas.) agreed that Mr Robert Lindgren is a good & possibility as now appears. Morris might be the best person to approach him. He suggested that Paul Christopher be asked to approach Hugo Beach Jr. — re Bd. membership.

Minutes of Meeting
Of the
PROGRAM PLANNING COMMITTEE
December 15, 1954

TO: Morris B. Abram and staff of SRC: GSM
Mrs. James Birnie MCP
Philip G. Hammer PGH
H.V. Richardson GVR
Miss Josephine Wilkins CHP

The Committee met and completed the following questions:

I. What are the specific and binding conditions of the grant to the Southern Regional Council from the Fund for the Republic?

II. How is the overall program of the Southern Regional Council developed?

A. What is the role of the staff?

B. What is the role of the Executive Committee?

1. How is the agenda for Executive Committee meetings prepared?

2. What information and materials are sent to the Executive Committee members before meetings; what materials and information are sent to Executive Committee members regularly?

C. What is the role of the Board?

1. How is the agenda for Board meetings prepared?

2. What information and materials are sent to Board members before Board meetings; what materials and information are sent to Board members regularly?

III. What is the responsibility of the Board and of the staff for fund-raising needed to meet financial commitments of the grant?

IV. What steps have been taken to discharge these commitments?

V. What are the functions of the Central Staff of SRC and to whom are the responsibilities for these functions assigned?

A. What criteria are used to determine use of each staff member's time?

VI. How is the program development related to budgeting?

VII. What steps are being taken to meet the SRC's obvious responsibilities in critical areas of the South like Clarendon County, S.C., and Prince Edward County, Va.?

The Committee requested an all-day meeting at a time when the Executive Director would be able to attend, along with other members of the professional staff as are available, in order that the Committee may have an opportunity to [illegible] to the questions listed above.

Saturday, January 8, 1955, was suggested as a time convenient for the members of the Committee. It was suggested that a place for the meeting should be secured with the facilities for an uninterrupted day's work.

O.T. Hamilton
Smf
12/17/54

December 21, 1964

MEMORANDUM

TO: PROGRAM PLANNING COMMITTEE

FROM: Mrs. Grace T. Hamilton

Saturday, January 8th, has been agreed upon for the all-day meeting of the Program Planning Committee with the Executive Director of the SRC and professional staff. Please mark your calendar.

The meeting will be held at the Wallahaje Apartments, 239 West Lake Avenue, N.W., Atlanta, Georgia. We will convene at 9:30 a.m. Luncheon will be provided.

GTH/rmf
Mr. Hammer
Mr. Abram
Dr. Richardson
Mrs. Birnie
Miss Wilkins
Staff:GSM, HCF, GTH, FMM, CHP

ANALYSIS OF INCOME 1954 - PROPOSAL FOR 1955

Income	Actual 11 mos. 1954	Estimated Dec. 1954	Total 1954	Estimate 1955
I. Foundations (Other than Ford or FFR)	2,860.00		2,860.00	37,000.00
II. Organizations				
Labor	4,700.00		4,700.00	5,000.00
Other	148.26		148.26	
II				
III. Churches	3,389.00		3,389.00	5,000.00
IV. Sale of Literature				
New South Subsc.	557.88	135.00	692.88	6,000.00
Sale of pamphlets, etc.	3,685.03	100.00	3,785.03	4,000.00
V. Contributions				
Individuals	1,499.25		1,499.25	3,000.00
SRC Board	110.79		110.79	740.00
Membership dues	1,866.50		1,866.50	
VI. Honoraria	905.63	100.00	1,005.63	1,200.00
Interest earned	33.33		33.33	
	19,755.67	335.00	20,110.67	61,940.00
Fund for the Republic and Ford Foundation				42,350.00
			Total	104,290.00
Transfer from States Account (1954 Allocations)				9,924.00
			Total Estimate for 1955	114,214.00

ANALYSIS OF EXPENDITURES 1954 - PROPOSAL FOR 1955

Expenditures	Actual 11 mos. 1954	Estimated Dec. 1954	Total 1954	Estimate 1955
Salaries & Honoraria	39,014.82	4,593.94	43,608.76	73,536.00
Rents & Alterations	2,910.82	105.00	3,015.82	1,500.00
Travel	5,888.60	400.00	6,288.60	10,000.00
Printing	4,478.69	2,109.04	6,587.73	8,000.00
Tel. & Tel.	1,257.45	172.48	1,429.93	2,000.00
Postage	695.17	25.00	720.17	1,800.00
Office Supplies	1,309.41	126.70	1,436.11	1,500.00
Office Eqpmnt.	666.10	-- --	666.10	2,000.00
Program Materials	200.70	35.39	236.09	500.00
Insurance	744.59	-- --	744.59	
Taxes	442.24	49.00	491.24	1,400.00
Audit	185.00	-- --	185.00	720.00
SRC & Ex. Com. Meetings	1,095.32	322.59	1,417.91	2,000.00
Hospitality				360.00
Miscellaneous	62.01	-- --	62.01	684.00
	58,980.92	7,939.14	66,920.06	106,000.00
1953 Obligations Paid in 1954				
Salaries	1,124.99			
Printing	1,571.06			
Taxes	18.83			
	2,714.88		2,714.88	
Totals	61,695.80	7,939.14	69,634.94	106,000.00

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January 8th, Sat.

Program Planning Committee

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239 West Lake Avenue, N.W. (Atlanta)

All day session, convening at 9:30 a.m.

Attending: GSM
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MEMO

FROM: GSM

TO: GSM

SUBJECT: IN REGARD TO FRANK LOESCHER'S TRIP

I should notify Jack Marion that Loescher will attend Richmond board meeting Thursday, January 5.

I should notify Robert Hughes that Loescher will attend Selma, Alabama meeting Saturday, January 7.

I should notify Bill Williams that Loescher will be at Daytona Beach Monday, January 9. As far as I know, no meeting is there scheduled.

I should notify Spearman and Jones that Loescher will be "spearing around" N.C. and S.C. January 11-13.

I should invite suitable persons to GSM's home for discussions January 14 and 15.

I should notify Guy Wells that Loescher will attend Macon meeting January 16 and he must arrange transportation to Macon for him.

I should notify Mrs. Lyells that Loescher will be in Jackson daytime January 17 and Mrs. Lyells should arrange executive committee meeting that day.

I should notify Bob Hughes that Loescher intends to go to Mobile district meeting night of January 17.

I should notify Bob Hughes that Loescher will be at Montgomery local chapter meeting Thursday, January 19.

I should notify executive committee members or at least MAW that Loescher will be at New Orleans January 20 and 21 attending SRC meeting January 21.

I should notify Tom Sutherland that Loescher will be in Texas between January 22 and 24 prepared to attend any scheduled meeting. Loescher also hopes to see Porten in Houston that trip.

THE BASIS FOR PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT -- SRC

BASIS: To change behavior rather than attitudes (see statement in decree .-- "-----it should go without saying that the vitality of these constitutional principles cannot be allowed to yield simply because of disagreement with them." It should be emphasized that the decrees indicate the need for increased labor rather than rejoicing or lethargy (opinion polls and attitude tests not relevant in present period). This means that efforts must be expended to create and/or modify situations which permit experience in integration.

The task ahead is no longer "the Negro's problem."

An analysis of differences within the region is essential. The differences must determine the advisable courses of action. The situations will determine advisable means.

The following is a tentative analysis of the main groupings of states within the region:

HARDCORE: Georgia, South Carolina, Mississippi
Louisiana (Catholic influence)

MID-BAD: Alabama, Virginia, North Carolina, Texas

NEXT BEST: Florida, Tennessee

POSSIBLE: Kentucky, Arkansas

HARDCORE:

(1) Legal action to challenge subverting amendments and/or state legislation. (Illustration, Georgia -- prompt applications to state university units. Role of white supporters -- to endorse applicants and to find endorsees.)

(2) Continuing information and publicity re inequalities.

(3) Continuing publicity and information re problems of total society resulting from "separate and equal" principle. (Illustration -- demographic studies of communities particularly urban studies of school support problems, problems of school administration the basis of which is lack of representation in policy-making and administration.)

(4) Appeals to outside agencies particularly economic agencies re economic wastage and cost to industry by increased tax burden required for improvement of public facilities, and wasted resources.

(5) Increased effort to extend and utilize political leverage.

(6) Increased pressure on religious groups to stress moral and legal obligation.

(7) Efforts in as many communities as possible to extend community analysis re facilities, and to discover "extra-official" groups and individuals who are supporting. (Basis for communication across racial lines.)

MID-BAD: See (1) to (7) above.

(8) Favorable publicity for such local efforts toward compliance as may appear.

(9) Diagnoses of state to determine soft-spots not only in terms of public education but also in other institutionalized aspects.

(10) Emphasis upon church supported institutions and other private organizations and agencies.

NEXT BEST: (1) Exploitation of two-party political factors.

(2) Socio-economic diagnoses of state to determine areas of greatest leverage.

(3) Attention and emphasis to particular local communities.

(4) Publicity re sound efforts toward compliance.

POSSIBLE: (1) Major emphasis upon extra-legal means.

(2) Publicity upon good and bad developments.

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FOR ALL AREAS: Attention to demographic factors particularly in urban areas. Fact-finding studies re present location and adequacies of all schools followed by publicity upon advantages of compliance particularly as related to tax structure.

USE OF NATIONAL INFLUENCES: Efforts to insure protective clauses in programs of assistance to states for education and other social welfare services.

Pressure upon Federal executive agencies (health and welfare, and Commissioner of Education) for all possible aid in fact-finding re inadequacies, inequalities, and possibilities for conditional assistance.

ROLE OF NATIONAL PRIVATE AGENCIES: Encourage development of analyses of extent and need of present programs of Federal assistance to states in all categories above.

Use of national influences upon which Southern states are dependent (industry, labor and media).

ROLE OF STATE STAFF: (1) To develop and strengthen services which will encourage programs above. Indications for particular attention to information services -- legislative and administrative. Development of consultant services re sources of help and information.

(2) To encourage and develop all possible means for participation in both decision-making and administration by Negroes (official and non-official groups) as a means of developing and extending communication across racial lines.

(3) To establish effective communication and coordination between individuals, organizations and agencies interested in supporting the effort towards building an integrated society.

Proposed Schedule of Finance
for SRC State Divisions

State	Begins	No. Months	Associate	Amount from Fund for Republic	State to raise
Georgia	September	13	1/2 time for 13 months	$ 14,939.37	$ 1800.00
Florida	September	13	1/2 time for 13 months	14,939.37	1800.00
South Carolina	September	13	1/3 time for 12 months	13,445.52	1800.00
Louisiana	September	13	1/3 time for 11 months	13,246.05	1800.00
Virginia	October	12	1/3 time for 12 months	12,493.00	1800.00
North Carolina	October	12	1/3 time for 12 months	12,493.00	1800.00
Alabama	October	12	1/2 time for 10 months	13,090.30	1800.00
Kentucky	November	11	none	9,157.83	1800.00
Mississippi	November	11	1/3 time for 11 months	11,349.36	1800.00
Arkansas	November	11	1/3 time for 11 months	11,349.36	1800.00
Tennessee	December	10	1/2 time for 10 months	11,201.90	1800.00
Texas	December	10	Full time for 10 months	14,190.30	1800.00
				$ 151,895.36	$ 21,600.00

Breakdown on proposed budgets for individual states and Associates

First 18 months

State Secretary (@ $5,000.per year)	$7,500.00
Clerical Assistance (@ $2500. per year)	3,750.00
Social Security	225.00
Travel	2,700.00
Rent	1,500.00
Office supplies	600.00
Communications (telephone & postage, etc.)	900.00
Furniture	500.00
Total for 18 months	$ 17,675.00

Associates - 18 months

Salary (@ $5,000. per year)	$ 7,500.00
Social security	120.00
Travel	2,700.00
Communications	430.00
Total for 18 months	$ 10,750.00

Subsequent years

State Secretary	$ 5,500.00
Clerical	2,500.00
Social security	160.00
Travel	1,800.00
Rent	1,000.00
Communications	600.00
Office supplies	300.00
	$ 11,860.00

Associates -

Salary	$ 5,500.00
Social security	110.00
Travel	1,800.00
Communications	200.00
	$ 7,610.00

BUDGET AS SUBMITTED TO FUND FOR REPUBLIC, March 15, 1954

Budget for first 18 months		
12 State Organizations @ 17,675.00	$ 212,100.00	
5 Assoc. Secretaries @ 10,750.00	53,750.00	
	265,850.00	
Less States to raise (12 @ $1800.)	21,600.00	
	244,250.00	
Less 35% for lapses	85,487.50	
New Amount from Fund for the Republic for first 18 months		$ 158,762.50
Central Office		
Budget for first 18 months	$ 118,575.00	
Less Central Office to raise	40,000.00	
	78,575.00	
Less 5% for lapses	3,928.75	
Net amount from Fund for Republic for 18 mos.		74,646.25
GRANT FOR FIRST 18 MONTHS FROM FUND FOR REPUBLIC		233,408.75
Budget for second year (12 months)		
12 State Organizations @ 11,860.00	$ 142,320.00	
5 Assoc. Secretaries @ 7,810.00	39,050.00	
	181,370.00	
Less States to raise (12 @ $3,500.)	42,000.00	
	139,370.00	
Less 10% for lapses	13,937.00	
Net amount from Fund for Republic for 2nd year		125,433.00
Central Office		
Budget 2nd year	$ 79,050.00	
Less Central office to raise	55,000.00	
	24,050.00	
Less 5% for lapses	1,202.50	
Net amount from Fund for Republic 2nd year		22,847.50
GRANT FOR SECOND YEAR FROM FUND FOR REPUBLIC		148,280.50
Budget for third year (12 months)		
12 State Organizations @ $11,860.00	$ 142,320.00	
5 Assoc. Secretaries @ 7610.	38,050.00	
	180,370.00	
Less States to raise	72,000.00	
	108,370.00	
Less 10% for lapses	10,837.00	
Net amount from Fund for Republic for 3rd year		97,533.00
Central Office (6 months only)		
Budget 6 months of 3rd year	39,525.00	
Less Central office to raise	27,200.00	
Net amount from Fund for Republic for 6 mos. of 3rd year		12,325.00
GRANT FOR THIRD YEAR FROM FUND FOR REPUBLIC		109,858.00
TOTAL FOR THREE PERIODS		$ 491,547.25
Williamsburg Conference		6,500.00
		$ 498,047.25

STATE ORGANIZATIONS

	To raise themselves	From Fund for the Republic
1st 18 months	$ 21,600.00	$ 158,762.50
2nd year	42,000.00	125,433.00
3rd year	72,000.00	97,533.00
Totals	$135,600.00	$ 381,728.50

CENTRAL OFFICE

	To raise	From Fund for the Republic
1st 18 months	$ 40,000.00	$ 74,646.25
2nd year	55,000.00	22,847.50
3rd year (6 mos.)	27,200.00	12,325.00
(Remaining 6 mos.)	39,525.00	$ 109,818.75
	$ 161,725.00	
Grand totals	$ 297,325.00	$ 491,547.25
Williamsburg Conference		6,500.00
		$ 498,047.25

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC.

Finance report for March 1954

Balance on hand, March 1, 1954		$ 42.41
RECEIPTS		
Contributions from Individuals*	$ 739.50	
Contributions from Organizations	1700.00	
(Congress of Industrial Organizations-$1000.		
(United Rubber Workers-CIO - $200.		
(International Ladies' Garment Workers		
(Union -AFL - $500.		
Contributions from Churches	269.00	
(Division of National Missions, Methodist		
(Church - $250.		
(Circle 10, Glenn Mem. Church, Atlanta-$4.		
(Woman's Aux., Diocese of Florida, Episcopal		
(Church - $15.		
Contributions from Foundations	5300.00	
(Fund for the Republic - $5,000.**		
(Marion R. Ascoli Fund - $300.		
Members Dues	625.50	
New South Subscriptions	67.25	
Sale of literature	491.77	
Interest earned ***	9.38	
Postage refunds	8.13	
Total Receipts		9210.53
		9252.94

(* Incoudes $543.46 from sale
of stock given by Miss Strauss)
(** Special grant for pamphlet)
(*** Dividend on stock)

DISBURSEMENTS		
Salaries	$ 3083.32	
Social Security	50.04	
Printing	698.99	
Rent	105.00	
Travel	129.04	
Office supplies	186.00	
Telephone & Telegraph	148.27	
Special Services *	144.99	
Audit fee	75.00	
Insurance	25.01	
Books & subscriptions	18.50	
Williamsburg Conference (travel)	60.33	
Georgia sales tax	.80	
Payment of note	990.00	
Interest expense	10.00	
Bank exchange fees	.55	
Total disbursements		5725.84
BALANCE ON HAND, April 1, 1954		$ 3527.10

(* Includes payment)
(for work on "Mountain)
(Project")

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC.

Schedule of Accounts Payable as of March 31, 1954

George S.Mitchell, salary	$ 366.67
Katherine Stoney, salary	333.32
Anna Holden, salary	166.66
Mrs. M.E. Tilly, salary	125.00
C. H. Parrish, salary for work in Alabama on "Schools and Courts"	300.00
Stein Printing Co.	951.23
Stein Printing Co. (New South)	186.39
Atlanta Envelope Co.	201.92
Southern Bell Tel. Co.	54.33
Stein Printing Co. (office supp.)	35.30
The Mimeograph Co.	20.07
Columbia Ribbon & Carbon Co.	5.67
Office Supply Co.	6.34
Mr. Abram (telephone call)	3.63
Harvard Business Review	1.00
Elliott Addressing Machine Co.	2.95
Due to State Divisions	345.00
Total Accounts Payable	$ 3105.48

AGENDA

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC.

Meeting of Executive Committee

April 6, 1954 Atlanta, Georgia

Invocation

Minutes of Meeting of February 10, 1954

Report of President on Commission on Equal Penalties

Report of Executive Director

Including Williamsburg Conference

Other Staff Reports

SRC Pamphlet re Ashmore Report

Report of Secretary-Treasurer

Security of funds

Proposal for statement by Executive Committee

By-Laws - Proposal for implementation of new By-laws

State Programs - when to start

Central Office - Staff
New South
Research interpretation
Ways and Means

Board meeting - November

MEMORANDUM # 1

April 10, 1954

TO: Officers of State Divisions and Affiliated or Cooperating Committees
(Copy to Board Members of SRC)

FROM: Southern Regional Council
By: George S. Mitchell, Executive Director

For some years you and we have thought that a major next step toward the objectives which we seek would be to have state programs in human relations advantaged by paid staff. We have also agreed that in the beginning funds for such state staff would have to come from some central source, but that after a time the state organizations could become self-supporting agencies, fully responsible for their own budgets.

The Fund for the Republic has approved a grant to the Southern Regional Council of $240,000. to assist this program in twelve Southern States and in a central office for an eighteen months period. There is the prospect of additional but diminishing aid for two subsequent years. Thus it is now possible for SRC to strengthen the State organizations and programs in the way we have all hoped for.

The natural basis for a developing statewide program should be the present State Divisions or affiliated or cooperating organizations. Such groups exist now in practically all of the twelve states we hope to assist.

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL AND STATE ORGANIZATIONS

In the past: Individual members of SRC over the South have sent their membership dues to the Council's central office. In most states these members have formed State Divisions of the SRC, having their own Boards, Officers, and Executive Committees. Each such Division has received back for its own treasury one-half of the dues payments made by members within its own state. The portion of the dues kept in Atlanta has gone toward meeting the cost of each member's subscription to New South.

The membership meeting of the Southern Regional Council held on May 13, 1953, adopted new by-laws to be put into effect at an appropriate time by the Executive Committee of SRC, and they were duly made effective on April 6, 1954.

Present: It is now provided that individual members of SRC shall become members of their State Organizations only. State units are expected to adopt new or altered by-laws of their own, providing for their own governing bodies and officers. We will send you a model of state by-laws, for such changes as you may wish. Affiliation with SRC will require approval of your by-laws by SRC, and of subsequent amendments to your by-laws. Whenever you are ready to take over your own billing of members and record-keeping, we will send you the membership records for your state.

Dues from members in each state will be kept in the State Organizations treasury, except for a sum, probably two dollars a year, to come in to the central office solely as subscription for each member to New South.

The Southern Regional Council becomes now a body chosen as follows:
Fifty members with staggered terms who were elected by the membership meeting of May 13, 1953. (list attached)

The chairman of each affiliated or cooperating organization
One person elected by each such affiliated or cooperating organization

The officers of the Council, elected by the above.

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL FUNCTIONS

Assist in the development of program by State Organizations and coordinate such programs in the interest of regional development; give leadership and advice on policy matters; negotiate with individuals and organizations on matters of region wide interest; provide modest research interpretation and consultative services on matters of program interest; advise and help State Organizations in the employment of staff; publish New South; help in leadership development through selection of Fellows of the Southern Regional Council; and operate in conjunction with the State Organizations a uniform accounting, reporting, and auditing system.

The new organizational structure is designed to put major responsibility for policy and program on State Organizations, while retaining the central coordinating functions which the Council has tried to perform in the past.

The new SRC by-laws are being printed and will go out to you shortly.

FINANCIAL BASIS FOR STATE ORGANIZATIONS

SRC is now in a position to help on the following basis:

First year (Period ending September 30, 1955)
Depending upon the ability of each State Organizations to raise $1,800. during the period for its own program, SRC can make available for each Stateorganization's budget about $13,000. This makes a minimum operating budget of about $15,000. (Arithmatic average for each of twelve state organizations. Bound to vary somewhat depending on whether you get one-half or one-third of the services of an Associate.) It is a firm condition of this help from SRC that the State shall have convincing plans and actual success in raising (in full) its local contribution in each period. Membership dues, grants, contributions, and legacies may count toward this amount to be raised locally.

Here's a sample, tentative budget for each State for the first period (from now till October 30, 1955)

Income -	Raised locally	$ 1,800.
	SRC aid	13,000.
	Total	$ 14,800.

Expenditures -

Staff - Executive and part services of Associate	$ 6,666.00
Clerical	2,500.00
Social Security	250.00
Rent	1,000.00
Office operations	
Supplies	400.00
Communications (telephone & postage)	725.00
Furniture & equipment	500.00
Travel	2,400.00
Total expenditures	$ 14,441.00

The second period of operation will be from October 1, 1955 through September 30, 1956; and the third from October 1, 1956 through September 30, 1957. Budgets for these two periods would be similar to the above, except that we hope salaries for the Executive and the Associates can go to $5,500. and there can be no item for furniture and equipment after the first period.

But note that SRC's contribution for the second period is calculated at about $10,500. with your locally raised figure at $3,500.; and for the third period, SRC's contribution is put at about $8,000. and the locally raised sum at $6,500.

UNIFORM ACCOUNTING AND REPORTING

We have drafted, tentatively, a quite simple form of monthly report, which would be your own bookkeeping system for daily entry, with a copy to come monthly to SRC's central office. It shows receipts and expenditures, deposits, and (cumulatively) sums raised locally. We do not think its use will be a burden, and it should, after perfection, supply your own bookkeeping needs.

STAFF

It is expected that each State Organization will have the services of two full-time paid persons, an executive and a clerk, and at least a third of the services of an associate executive, whose time will be divided between two or three states. The executive and the associate executive will draw the same salaries ($5,000. in the first period and $5,500. thereafter). Salary, travel and communications for the associates will be shared between the states involved.

We would greatly prefer to pay the salaries of all employed personnel directly from this office every two weeks, for so long a period as the SRC contributes, from tax-exempt funds, to the budgets of the State Organizations.

For titles of your executive and associate choose what you will: Director and Associate Director, or Executive Secretary and Associate Executive Secretary.

WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION

It seems advisable for all employed personnel, in this office and in yours, to be covered by workmen's compensation. It will be cheaper and more convenient if this is done centrally, in a single covering action, annually renewable.

BONDS

You should make it the duty of your Chairman to see that all of your personnel handling funds is appropriately bonded, with notification of such bonds to this office. In the ordinary case we suppose that a bond of $5,000. should be sufficient.

NAMES OF STATE UNITS AND DUES

Take any name you like. You could keep the present names, or take new ones. Alabama Council on Human Relations would be a good typical name, or Texas Commission on Race Relations (present name), or what you will. If the present State Divisions retain their exact present names the result may be some public confusion with the Southern Regional Council proper, but that may be as good a device as any.

Dues: Customary SRC annual dues have been as follows:

Single membership	$ 3.00	
Husband and wife membership	$ 4.00	(receive 1 copy of New South)
Sustaining membership	$ 10.00	

SRC will no longer have dues. All dues, (except for persons not resident in the region) will go to State Organizations. You are free to set your dues at whatever rate you wish, consonant with general policy. We suggest $5.00 per year, of which $2.00 would come to this office solely as subscription to New South. We also suggest student memberships at one dollar, or thereabouts, carrying New South for six months, with fifty cents to be sent to this office for such student subscriptions. But dues are your matter.

PROGRAM

The By-Laws of the Southern Regional Council provide as follows:
"Organized groups of agencies whose aims and methods are closely akin to the aims and methods of the Southern Regional Council may become affiliates of the Council, upon such condition as the Corporation (SRC) may prescribe . . ." - Article IV

Any or all of the following specific programs are clearly desirable

1. Education of public opinion toward implementation of whatever may be the decision of the U. S. Supreme Court in the school segregation cases. Negotiation with responsible local or State officers toward such implementation.

2. Extension of improved agricultural opportunities.

3. Informed comment on undemocratic features of State or local governments.

4. Community self-surveys. (We strongly urge that in each state at least one such self-survey be worked out each year.) This can be a means of finding the most important local needs and local interests, as well as a means of getting representatives of all racial groups in a community to work together on discovering and meeting problems of common concern.

5. The development of opportunities for education in human relations in the schools.

6. Police administration and training.

7. The improved handling of race in the news.

8. Furthering equal justice.

9. Implementation of laws and regulations against segregation in interstate common carriers.

10. Opening of occupational and professional associations to members of racial minorities.

11. Increasing employment opportunities based on merit.

12. Extension of social welfare opportunities.

13. Increasing and improving housing.

14. Education for representation of minorities on Boards and Commissions and other normal channels of government.

Your own membership and governing bodies may engage in whatever program seems desirable, providing there is consultation and agreement with SRC's central office, and providing that the rule against political activity is strictly observed.

NO POLITICAL ACTIVITY

The statute governing U. S. tax exemption is as follows:

EXEMPT CORPORATIONS

"51. Exempt Corporations. The following corporations and organizations are exempt from the income tax:

"(6) Corporations and any community chest, fund, or foundation, organized and operated exclusively for religious, charitable, scientific, literary or educational purposes, or for the prevention of cruelty to children or animals, no part of the net earnings of which inures to the benefit of any private shareholder or individual, and no substantial part of the activities of which is carrying on propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation (Code Sec. 101 (6) and Reg. Sec. 29.101 (6)-1)."

EXEMPT GIFTS

"(2) a domestic corporation organized and operated exclusively for religious, charitable, scientific, literary or educational purposes, including the encouragement of art and the prevention of cruelty to children or animals; no part of the net earnings of which inures to the benefit of any private shareholder or individual, and no substantial part of the activities of which is carrying on propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation;

"(3) a trust, or community chest, fund or foundation, organized and operated exclusively for religious, charitable, scientific, literary, or educational purposes, including the encouragement of art and the prevention of cruelty to children or animals, no substantial part of the activities of which is carrying on propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation; but only if such gifts are to be used within the United States exclusively for such purposes."

All of the sums to be contributed to your budget by SRC are covered by tax-exemption and neither the State Organizations or the Southern Regional Council's central office may violate the law as given above.

There is no agreed definition of the phrase "no substantial part" etc., but to be safe it will be necessary for us all to observe the law in letter and in spirit.

As to the letter of the law, the prohibition of political activity clearly includes no endorsement or support, open or covert, as an organization, of any particular candidate for elective office. Ditto opposition to any particular candidate or candidates. The same for endorsement or support, open or covert, as an organization, of any particular proposed legislative enactment, or repeal of any particular law.

This does not mean that the organization cannot be in favor of the broad principle of some particular category of legislative change. For example, you could be in favor of the principle of merit systems in government employment, but you could not be in favor of or against House Bill 235 (to make an instance) to strengthen or weaken a merit system.

Your individual members, simply as individuals and not as members of the State Organization, can of course do as they please in political matters. The prohibition runs to the organization. SRC and your own organizations will be responsible for strict observance of this rule, and violation will be ground for estoppal of aid from SRC.

NEXT STEPS

It is suggested that, as soon as it can be arranged, there be a meeting of your executive committee. In states where there is no functioning executive committee, a small group of responsible Negro and white members should be called. The purpose of this meeting, and subsequent ones which will be necessary is to make plans for the State Organization's development, in light of the new resources available. We will hope to be in touch with your thinking, and stand ready to give assistance in all ways you regard as useful.

STANDARDS OF PERSONNEL SELECTION

In SRC, and in the State Organizations, we have always worked in the belief that ability to be useful and effective in human relations is bound up with general character, stability, community standing, and moral purpose. We have not thought that intensive text-book training in human relations was necessary. For your executive and for the associate executives (Whose titles, by the way, are yours to decide upon) we can set no clear and simple standards. We merely urge that you choose responsibly. In some states the executives will doubtless be people with teaching experience in sociology or a related field, in others they will be ministers, or members of some other profession, or people with experience in business and other affairs. Experience in religious and community organization would be helpful. Man or woman. Character, ability, interest, and loyalty to the cause of democratic growth ought to weigh the most. Remember that your staff must help substantially in raising funds locally for the state organization.

For your clerk, you should seek a rounded set of office skills, including shorthand and typing.

We would like to be consulted before final staff commitments are made.

STATE FINANCE COMMITTEE AND A LETTER TO COME TO SRC

When your State group has had time to discuss this proposal, and to reach some decision as to ways in which it would like to work out the new relationship, we would appreciate receiving a letter over the signature of your Chairman and some other appropriate officer, as a Vice-Chairman, or Secretary-Treasurer, setting out briefly the arrangement you would like, along with the rest of your plan. The letter should list the members of your finance committee, and contain some evidence that they agree to work hard in getting in the sums that will need to be raised in your state.

TOWARD INDEPENDENT STATUS

The whole effort is to get going in each state a strong organization, which will cut the grooves of honest representation of all interests, and which can, after a first period of aid, find means to stand and work independently, so long as their functions are needed in Southern life.

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July 20, 1954

MEMORANDUM

To: Board of Directors of the Southern Regional Council, Inc.

From: George S. Mitchell

The purpose of this memorandum is to bring you up to date on the present conditions and plans of the Southern Regional Council. We need your earnest cooperation as we strive to meet the challenge of our large opportunities.

In early April the Ford Fund for the Republic made a grant to support the work of the Council for the following eighteen months. $158,000. was specifically designated to assist the development of the program in our twelve Southern states. As a firm condition of the grant, $21,000. must be raised by the state units during this period ($1800. by each state). $74,700. was allocated for the work of the central office of the Southern Regional Council, which must raise an additional $40,000. during the eighteen months.

The letter of grant from the Fund for the Republic carried the following: "While the . . . grant is not made on a matching basis, it is felt that the future financial health of the Council and the state organizations might be seriously impaired if they are not to find substantial Southern support. We believe that increased financial support from individuals, religious bodies, trade unions, businesses and industries in the South is of vital importance to assure the continued success of the Council and to the continuation of its expanded program . . . We are confident that the officers of the Council and the members of the various boards and committees will give generously of their time and energy in order to insure that the expanded program of the Council is established on a firm basis."

STATE PROGRAMS

Our hope, and that of the Fund for the Republic, is that state units may become in time well established, self-sustaining human relations agencies with competent professional staff to assist the development of their program. The need for service of this kind faces us immediately as the states and the communities within them prepare for the adjustment required by the Supreme Court's decision on public schools. The situation, the needs, and the problems vary from state to state - and these differences must be taken into account as plans are made to meet the problems and possibilities of each state.

We believe, however, that a first objective in each state should be the establishment or strengthening of a thoroughly representative Executive or Steering Committee. This group should become the planning and policy-making body for the new future operations. Among its first responsibilities should be consideration of the state organization's financial base, its plans for program development, and the employment of professional staff.

CENTRAL OFFICE OF SRC

We are doing only what seems absolutely necessary to expand the staff in the Central Office to enable proper assistance to the states in getting organized. But we can continue to do, on a slightly firmer basis, what we have been doing all along in public information and education.

When the state programs are firmly organized, the main part of the job in the Central Office will be coordinating their work.

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7/20/54

MEMORANDUM

TO: Board of Directors, Southern Regional Council, Inc.

FROM: George S. Mitchell, Executive Director

DATE: July 20, 1954

Your Executive Committee and the staff wish to do more in the future to keep you informed of the Council's program. We all value your comments, criticisms, and views as to things we should or should not be doing.

April 1st caught us moving along much as usual. We were still pushing Questions and Answers: The Schools and the Courts and A Checklist for Your Local Schools, and we were busily organizing things to get ministers and recognized local church leaders travelling around in designated parts of the South to form local discussion groups on what to do about the expected decision.

The grant from the Fund for the Republic put us into a state of great activity. A friend wrote in and said that we wouldn't be busier, but that we would get more done. I am sure we have been busy and I suppose more than usual has been done.

Our first move was to talk by telephone with our leading people in each of the twelve states in which we hope to organize permanent movements. Those conversations were followed by Memorandum #1 which put down the simple outlines of what the new relationships would be.

CENTRAL STAFF

The staff at the Central Office has necessarily grown. We brought in first a clerk-stenographer and then an assistant bookkeeper, or general clerk, and then a substitute for our Sociologist who is away at Summer School. June 1st we got on to the staff Mrs. Grace Towns Hamilton. She has been the Executive Secretary of the Atlanta Urban League. Richly trained, deeply experienced, and broadly thoughtful as to the problems of the region, she has been a strong resource in all of our many policy discussions.

As yet, no final choice of a person or persons to be the Director, or Directors, of the Field Program has been made. At least one such person is needed as a key to our administrative structure. He should relieve me of much of the direct negotiation with the state groups. We have had on the payroll from about June 10th a man that we think is a suitable candidate for this job.

OFFICIAL HUMAN RELATIONS BODIES

We began to see emerging as a cloud no bigger than a man's hand a Southern interest in Mayors' Commissions on Human Relations. Dade County, Florida, as you know, set up one years ago. We had a hand in getting another going in Rock Hill, South Carolina. The Mayor of Charlotte, North Carolina, has been authorized by his City Council to set up one. The people in Anderson, South Carolina, want one. The Mayor of Atlanta has done some planning toward getting one. We think the real and permanenet solution is in official representation of the Negro community on all public boards affecting their needs. But in a good many jurisdictions it is years before elections of school board people come up, or the population distribution may be such as to make election difficult or unlikely. In those situations, we

would be willing to agree that a town should set up a Mayor's Commission to obtain responsible advice from the Negro community on their on-going problems. We sent out Earl Brewer to review, quickly, the experience of three or four typical Northern Mayors' Commissions; look at what has been done thus far in the South; and to do a lengthy article for us to get out to our people explaining the movement and pointing up its pitfalls and possible benefits.

Brewer is a Rural Sociologist and a Methodist minister trained at Duke and at Chapel Hill, and now teaching in the School of Theology at Emory University. He has been responsible for organizing the work of the Methodist Church in Town and Country policy relationships; a wide-spread Southern effort which has given him a lot of travel and experience with leadership groups already.

FIELD TRAVEL

Another similar move has been the employment of Mr. C. H. Parrish of the University of Louisville, to travel in selected Southern states during the summer months and sound out opinion, and particularly Negro opinion, as to the needs of the state for organized work in the field of race relations, and as to the leadership and financial resources available. Parrish is a sound fellow. He is the only Negro professor, from the former Louisville Municipal College, taken over to the University of Louisville when the two were consolidated. He is a judicious observer. We used him successfully in Alabama last February and March in drawing together local discussion groups on the schools and the courts. We anticipate, from his former travels, a stream of quite helpful advice from five or six Southern states. He goes back to his teaching job next Fall.

Still another venture of the Central Office has been the employment of an economist from Berea College, Mr. Robert Menefee. He came on a two months basis. I must have talked with you about the opportunity offered in the mountain areas, where the population runs about 95 or 98 per cent white, county by county, in early desegregation of the schools. We did something toward getting out a publication that would revive the roots of the mountain tradition of freedom of action resulting from their stand of a hundred years ago. But I concluded that the wisest thing to do was not to go into print on that point, but to send around a mountainy fellow who, in conversation with the people in leadership positions in the mountain, would direct thought toward the parallel of this situation with the earlier one, which would suggest a moral. Menefee is from Ashland, Kentucky, and he and his wife have a good deal of experience in community organization. They will travel together this summer at SRC expense to get this job done.

EQUAL PENALTIES

Into these busy weeks we have squeezed, also, a rally of effort on our long-hanging Commission on Equal Penalties in Courts of Law. Our Council's President made an arrangement with Haverford College to send six students to do a piece of research in six county court houses -- Shreveport, Kosciusko, Montgomery, Cartersville, Bamberg, and Winston-Salem. We brought the young men down and briefed them, and about June 1st they flitted to their official stations. You can imagine that the telephone activity picked up as these youngsters got bedded into Kosciusko and Bamberg: one got the measles; and one got written up in the county weekly; and one got cold treatment from the county court. But by one ingenuity or the other they got about 85 per cent of what they went after. That operation is over and the sheaves of filled out questionnaires are in hand. Now comes the matter of selecting nine commissioners, getting their consent, getting the research written up into readable form, and getting the Commission to inform the South how to reform its practices.

STATE ORGANIZATIONS

I find our state people in quite general agreement that they can use the summer to strengthen their Boards, and look over the field of possible people to be employed as Secretaries. Everybody likes the proposition.

Harold Fleming has met with the nucleus of our people in Arkansas, and Harry Ashmore and others there are planning for a small meeting later on that will get down to brass tacks.

I have met with our Chairman in Florida. A small meeting will occur there early in July and a larger one is planned for early September to get Florida going.

South Carolina has an embarrassment of people available for the paid positions and will be ready to go as soon as we release them.

Kentucky has had many conversations among the leading people. They seem to prefer a small Council representing many helpful organizations in the state as against a big membership body. I don't know what will be worked out there in the end, but there is every reason to suppose that a vigorous program will get underway in the state.

I spent a couple of days in Texas, July 1st and 2nd, and saw in Dallas and Houston many of our leading people. At Houston Mrs. James S. Crate, Chairman of the Texas Commission on Race Relations (affiliated with SRC), brought together some of her Executive Committee, and we laid plans for the Texas Commission to increase its membership and Board and to take on paid staff beginning about October 1. The Texas Commission has collected in cash and pledges $1150 already, and believes that it can handle its finances all right.

Oklahoma we have not been able to plan to assist directly, and I have written to our one Board member in the state to that effect. We consider Oklahoma a part of the South and definitely a part of the Southern Regional Council, but in the end we had to divide our available funds by 12 rather than by 13.

Mississippi has done some discussing and has looked over some candidates, but I don't think that serious efforts have as yet been made to get the Mississippi Division organized.

North Carolina is having its Executive Committee meeting along about now.

I have talked with the key people at the Council of Christian Social Relations in the Virginia Council of Churches. A verbal agreement has been reached that the Virginia Council of Churches, without surrendering formal authority to expand in the field of race relations would assist an SRC type of organization within a state to pick up an increasing portion of the work.

Two states have moved out early -- Georgia and Louisiana.

The Georgia Interracial Commission has for many years raised enough money to pay the salary of Mrs. M. E. Tilly so that they are accustomed to having at least a partially paid executive. They learned of the availability of a candidate whom most of us thought was remarkably suited for the job as Executive Secretary in Georgia. They agreed to raise the extra money involved in his employment during the months of June, July, and August, 1954. SRC has permitted the Georgia Interracial Committee to take Mr. Guy Wells on as its Secretary.

For the time being, little has been done to establish an office and he does not plan to take on a secretary or an Associate Executive as yet. Mr. Wells has a long history of helpful work in the state. He is past President of the Georgia Education Association, past District Governor of Rotary, and has, until recently, been President of a state teachers' college at Milledgeville, Georgia. His latest assignment was with the ECA in Libya, from which he had to return because of the illness of his wife. At 64 he has a lot of vigor in him still, and he earnestly wants to try to help Georgia to iron out its problems of race relations. He has been speaking over the state to Church and civic groups and groups of teachers. It is a difficult assignment in a summer of a rather odd gubernatorial race. But so far as we can see, he is doing it well and to good effect.

In Louisiana, we have a special siutation. There is, normally, a Louisiana Division of the Southern Regional Council. But it plays second fiddle to the New Orleans Committee on Race Relations which is affiliated, also, with the Southern Regional Council and all of its ninety-odd members are members of SRC. The New Orleans Committee has $1,000 in its treasury. They went ahead and employed an Executive Secretary, Mr. Milton Vigo.

Vigo has been well trained in New Orleans institutions, and was lately a teacher in a private academy in the city. Twenty-seven or twenty-eight, single, nice looking, judicious, with influential friends and a good grasp of the problems of the city. I have an agreement with Vigo that his Associate, when taken on, should be drawn from somewhere else in the state than New Orleans. Vigo makes use, for the time being, of a minimum of office space and has no secretary. He plans to pick up a fully established staff unit about September 1.

Nobody likes the available plan on Associate Secretaries. Nobody wants to share one with another state. I think it will check out with most of the states finding, over and above what they have to arrange for anyway, enough additional money to employ a full-time Associate Secretary, beginning in late Fall. In a few places, probably, they will pick up a half-time Associate Secretary -- which could work.

NEW BY-LAWS

The Southern Regional Council's Executive Committee met April 6th and reviewed the terms of the grant and the plans for getting organized centrally and in the states. They formally put into effect the new By-Laws for SRC -- a copy of which is in your files. They will meet again in late July.

TRAVEL AND CONSULTATION

The Court's decision on May 17th enormously stepped up the demand for services, travel, and advice from us. Poor Harold Fleming has been worked almost to death trying to answer the demands of newspapers and magazines and the scores of legitimate inquirers who came South for the news. We have all been on broadcasts and television shows enough and a plenty. I have been out, of set purpose, to Oak Ridge, Tennessee; Anderson, South Carolina; Knoxville, Tennessee; and Greensboro, North Carolina; to counsel with local leadership on implementing the Court's decision.

In addition, we have carried along the normal amount of "Instituting" and week-long teaching what has been part of our steady year by year effort. I taught a group of CIO leaders from the lower South for a week at Lake Junaluska and taught, also, at an Institute sponsored by the American Friends Service Committee, held at

Guilford College for a week in June, and again at Howard University's Workshop on School Integration. Similar such programs are booked with the A. F. of L. group in Kentucky, the A. F. of L. for the Southeast and for the Southwest at two separate meetings, and possibly another CIO one coming up later on.

ANSWERS FOR ACTION

We have at the printer's, to come out in a few days time, our new pamphlet reviewing the Ashmore Report, printing the Court decision, and giving suggestions on things to do. The pamphlet will contain in colors a map showing distribution of white and Negro population by counties. The title of the booklet is Answers for Action. It is being clamored for and I think it can be a real contribution from the Council for an understanding of the decision and toward getting complying action.

WILLIAMSBURG CONFERENCE

In April, our Council was promised funds with which to bring together early in May a small conference of people in the South working at matters of this kind, with the view to preparing a list of things to be done toward getting compliance with whatever might be the Supreme Court's decision, and towards sorting these action programs into priorities. Twenty-three or four people were asked to a meeting in Williamsburg, Virginia, May 6, 7, 8, and 9th. It was not an SRC conference, but a conference of people from many agencies and just as private citizens.

One of the aims of the conference was to make available to bodies, which might be asked to finance programs in the South, the results of a careful review of projects by a group of Southern persons particularly informed in this area. The meeting was most fruitful and produced a report which while much condensed was considerable and meaty. We agreed on some 11 things to be got going right away; on four, portions of which should be started at once but other portions of which could wait until later; and on 9 things which should be started within a year or so; and on 5 long-range programs involving research which could be launched later on but which all thought would be very helpful. A full report of the Williamsburg Conference is available as a mimeographed document. Although it is not a public document, we will be glad to send it to any SRC Board member who may wish it.

Most of the things recommended at the Williamsburg Conference have already been gotten underway, either by the Council directly or by other agencies: Mrs. Tilly has put out, as a SRC leaflet, a review of Church teachings on the matter of compliance with the Court's decision, and a copy of this is enclosed. The leading women from the various Southern state Councils of Church Women have met here in Atlanta and have concerted their program. A proposed Conference of Business Men has been under discussion and moves toward organization. Various conversations have been held by teacher groups looking toward the availability of a service helpful in any nation-wide exchange of teachers that may become needful at a later stage. The Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith and the National Conference of Christians and Jews, Inc., have shown special interest in getting human relations instructions to teacher-training meetings this summer. One member of the SRC staff and one Board member made a special trip to New Orleans and got a leading member of the New Orleans Bar to begin exploration, with other lawyers, of the practicability of work from within the state Bar Associations looking toward building public opinion favorable with compliance to the decision.

Various of the older projects are being worked on as time affords.

ATTACKS ON SRC

The Council has been subjected to attacks from two quarters. The same Reverend Blake Craft who publishes at Clayton, Georgia, an odd sheet which he calls "One Methodist Voice" renewed, a couple of months ago, his charges that the SRC was pink-tinged; and a famous Georgia political figure, Roy Harris, has used his political weekly paper, The Augusta Courier, to carry in weekly issues similar and detailed charges. The press has not picked up these so obviously scurrilous items. Mr. Craft has had considerable difficulty with his own North Georgia Conference of the Methodist Church, and has just been tried and convicted by a Church court of various breaches of conduct and suspended for one year. Mr. Harris has been joined by the personal political organ of Mr. Herman Talmadge which, in a recent editorial, carried along the Harris line.

The burden of the charge seems to be that the Southern Regional Council is "in fact a successor to the Southern Conference for Human Welfare" and that we are a haven for "commies" and that some 38 persons "on our Board" (he makes no distinctions between persons now on the Board, or on the Board for a term or two, years back) have links with persons whose names can be traced in the files of the House Committee on UnAmerican Activities and elsewhere." The staff and our counsel and President, Marion Wright, have conferred repeatedly on the matter and have agreed on the best things to do and not to do anent the attacks.

Katherine Stoney, as Secretary-Treasurer, attaches a condensed financial report.

Generally speaking, the staff is encouraged about the prospects of permanent and effective organizations in the various states. That prospect will only be realized, however, if all of our friends, and most particularly our Board members, lend their time, advice, and friendly help to the major effort of getting energetic and wisely led state programs underway.

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ROOM 432, 63 AUBURN AVENU

GEORGE S. MITCHELL,
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

January 20, 1955

A Council to attain, through research and action, the ideals and practices of equal opportunity for all peoples in the South.

Dear Board Member:

Here is a report on SRC's activity for the last quarter of 1954.

ESPECIALLY ON THE SCHOOLS

Speakers from the Council have been much in demand in the South and elsewhere, usually the requested subject being useful to proceeding with fitting the schools together. Various of us on the staff have talked to the Herald-Tribune Forum in New York, to the Conference of Editorial Writers at Asheville, North Carolina, to the Fellowship of Southern Churchmen meeting at Nashville, to the Unitarians at Charlotte, North Carolina, and in quite a number of local churches.

TECHNICAL ADVICE

The Council's services have also been in demand for meetings of a new and special kind: where concerned citizens have drawn together to plan for unsegregated schools and want quasi-technical advice on how to work. We have met in this way with the Anderson, South Carolina, Christian Council on Human Relations; the Parent-Teachers Associations, white and Negro, of Rockdale County, Maryland (suburban Washington); the about-to-be-formed Northern Virginia Council on Segregation and the Schools; Friendship House at Shreveport, Louisiana; a state-wide conference of YM and YWCA student representatives in Louisiana (Baton Rouge); and elsewhere.

WORK WITH LABOR

Our long-term effort to enlist the active support of the labor movement in the South for progress in desegregation was carried forward with a week's session of the A. F. of L. Southern Leadership Training School for the Southwestern states, meeting at Mineral Wells, Texas, and with a two-day appearance before the training institute of the International Ladies Garment Workers' Union in New York. Some flavor of the Mineral Wells venture is conveyed by the anonymous written comment of one of the students after the week's session had ended. Anent "Southern Problems," he wrote, "Subject was distasteful, but the guy told the truth, and I reckon it was useful."

TOWARD COORDINATION

The Council perforce has been put into the role of coordinating agency for the work of various national agencies, as they reach more vigorously into the South. We have been thus used by a subcommittee of the National Civil Liberties Clearing House at Washington, the meeting of the National Association for Inter-group Relations Officials in Boston, and two meetings of a coordinating effort resulting from the Herald-Tribune Forum.

In all these coordination appearances, the representatives of the Southern Regional Council have stressed the point that the twelve renewed state agencies being established with Council help are independent bodies with which national agencies may work directly. Thus SRC is no bottleneck for the South. We are glad to help any agency, but the agencies in turn are perfectly free to be in direct association with the Southern Regional Council's friends out in the states.

THE WORLD TO THE SOUTH

We have entertained and informed for periods varying from a few hours to a week, the following visitors from foreign countries:

Mr. Sastrowardojo Surjono, Madiun, Java, Indonesia. Delegate United Nations, Young Diplomats Project. Sponsored by the Institute of International Education, New York City.

Mr. Fritz Kaestner, 15 Adlestr, Oldenburg, Germany, Ministerial Director. Sponsored by the U. S. State Department.

Mr. and Mrs. David Ginsburg, 9 Harman Drive, London N. W. 2, England. Research Division, British Labor Party. Sponsored by the U. S. State Department.

Five Indian gentlemen, as follows: B. Rajaram, Bombay; N. Bose, Calcutta; H. R. Kolte, Bombay; R. H. Patel, Ahmedabad; S. K. Chatterjee, Calcutta.

Two on the employing side; three trade union officials. All in this country under the sponsorship of the U. S. Department of Labor.

CENTRAL OFFICE AND THE STATE GROUPS

The Council has in its structure the advantages and disadvantages of a federal relationship. Our major effort is to get going independent agencies in each of twelve Southern states. At the same time events press upon the South an ever more urgent need for performance in a concerted fashion. This controversy came up distinctly in the meeting of the Board of Directors of the Council, November 10, 1954. Various members, deeply experienced in the negligence or tolerance to misdeeds which have accom-

panied states' rights in our federal governmental picture groaned inwardly (and some outwardly), over the prospect of a Southern Regional Council which would allow state organizations to have their head! So, it was agreed that we would do much more to draw up from the state bodies locally planned programs, and to suggest measures of concert.

The upshot of it is that we will carry an increasing burden of program effort; in reality a burden well beyond what was envisioned in our early planning as to how the Council's work would proceed. Program coordination is a bigger and more difficult job than had been foreseen.

In the report of October 6th, we reviewed the status of the state groups as of that date. Five had employed professional staff and others seemed nearly ready to do so.

As of this date, seven have engaged their professional staff; two or three are nearly ready to do so; and the remaining two states should be fully launched within a few weeks.

In review:

STAFF EMPLOYED

Alabama:

State Chairman -- Reverend Dan C. Whitsett, First Methodist Church, Sylacauga, Alabama

Executive Secretary -- Reverend Robert E. Hughes

Agency -- The Alabama Council on Human Relations, Room 206, Moore Building, South Court Street, Montgomery, Telephone 2-0450

The first three months have gone into travel for their Executive Secretary over the state learning people, problems and resources. Several meetings of the principal members of their Executive Committee have been held. They propose to divide the state into several areas and build Board membership and general membership as well as program, area by area. First annual membership meeting under the new name will be February 8th in Montgomery.

The new Council is as yet too narrowly based, but its supporters are able people of firm purpose.

Georgia:

State Chairman -- Reverend George E. Clary.

Executive Secretary -- Dr. Guy H. Wells

Agency -- The Georgia Commission on Interracial Cooperation, 63 Auburn Avenue, N. E., Atlanta, Georgia. Telephone ALpine 4063.

The Georgia Commission has continued, through long-range campaigns, to assist the building of a public opinion in the state more favorable to integration in the schools. Their Executive Secretary has been picking up the old-established links with local groups which the Commission has had for years. In a membership meeting in November, By-Laws were approved and a new and broadened Board elected.

Louisiana:

State Chairman -- Reverend Albert D'Orlando.

Executive Secretary -- Milton C. Vigo.

Agency - The Louisiana Council on Human Relations, 303 Board of Trade Annex Building, New Orleans. Telephone MAin 4295.

The agency, under its new name, combines the former New Orleans Committee on Race Relations, and the former Louisiana Division of the Southern Regional Council. Their new by-laws have been tentatively approved on behalf of the Southern Regional Council. Their Executive Secretary has been travelling widely in the state. A special workshop to plan program is slated for January 11th.

Mississippi:

State Chairman -- Rabbi Charles Mantinband.

Executive Secretary -- Mrs. M. J. Lyells.

Agency -- The Mississippi Council on Human Relations. For the time being address c/o Mrs. M. J. Lyells, 1116 Montgomery Street, Jackson.

The Executive Committee, at a meeting on December 13th, adopted the new name and agreed to the employment, effective January 1, of two staff members, one white and one Negro. Subsequently, the white candidate withdrew. The Mississippi Council has undertaken to raise the necessary funds to insure equal salaries for both directors. The Mississippi situation is difficult, but the new staff and those most closely associated with the agency can be trusted to move soundly and effectively in the state.

North Carolina:

State Chairman -- Reverend Leon Russell.

Executive Secretary -- Harry S. Jones.

Agency -- The North Carolina Council on Human Relations, 121 East Third Street, Room 209, Charlotte. Telephone FRanklin 6-6833.

North Carolina carried through many years an independent Commission on Interracial Cooperation, which some seven or eight years ago found the means briefly to employ paid staff on its own. It subsequently became the North Carolina Division of the Southern Regional Council, and is now reconstituted under its new name. The move of the state headquarters to Charlotte is significant, as that taps an additional set of friends in the state.

The Executive Secretary has technical experience in this field, and gives every indication of proceeding competently to the strengthening of the movement in North Carolina.

South Carolina:

State Chairman -- Mr. Richard J. Foster, Greenville.

Executive Secretary -- Mrs. E. H. Spearman.

Agency -- The South Carolina Division of the Southern Regional Council, 1508 Lady Street, Columbia. Telephone 6-8808

Those active in the organization are representative of the finest quality of citizenship which the state can boast, and results will be seen.

Texas:

State Chairman -- Mrs. James S. Crate, Houston.

Executive Secretary -- Thomas S. Sutherland.

Agency -- Texas Commission on Race Relations, 309 West Twenty-First Street, Austin. Telephone 7-8819.

A body of devotees of better race relations, centered mainly about Houston has had, with SRC aid, the good fortune to obtain a strong and far-seeing Executive Secretary. He will help them grow and reach out over the whole state.

Texas cherishes its independence; the old Texas Commission on Interracial Cooperation never did more than affiliate with the Southern Regional Council, and the new plan of linkage with SRC seems popular.

STAFF NOT YET EMPLOYED

Arkansas:

State Chairman -- Mr. Fred Darragh, Little Rock.

Agency -- The Arkansas Council on Human Relations, 1401 East Sixth Street, Little Rock.

The Arkansas Division of the Southern Regional Council has been thinly supported for years. The body came together with new attendance on December 2nd, 1954, and reestablished themselves as the Arkansas Council on Human Relations with By-Laws approved by SRC.

They have unsually broad support now and as they extend into Arkansas, flexibly and hopefully, a good deal is to be expected from this body. A membership committee is working on that problem and a personnel committee is considering applicants for the place of Executive Secretary.

Florida:

State Chairman -- Mr. Davisson Dunlap, Jacksonville, Barnett National Bank Building, Telephone 3-6261.

Agency -- The Florida Council for Human Relations.

The old Florida Division reconstituted itself December 22, 1954, as the Florida Council for Human Relations. They have divided the state into four areas and have agreed that when the state office is set up, it would be in the central Florida city of Orlando.

Various committes are at work in preparation for an annual membership meeting to be held January 15th and 16th, 1955.

Kentucky:

State Chairman -- Dr. Hugh A. Brimm, Carver School of Missions, Louisville.

Agency -- The Kentucky Council on Human Relations.

Kentucky likes the special arrangement which they have launched. They have chosen very carefully consultants, five white and five Negro, located over the state, and are using them in program and in building membership. The members of the Board are particularly skilled and experienced people. While they have not yet employed the single high-type clerical person whom they wish to have for their central office, they have interviewed candidates and will probably hire someone soon. But they are a going concern, and certainly do not deserve listing in any semi-active category.

Tennessee:

State Chairman -- Mr. F. Woods Beckman, 5908 Magazine Road, Knoxville. Telephone KNoxville 7-4038.

Agency -- The Tennessee Council on Human Relations.

The Tennessee Division of the Southern Regional Council virtually disbanded three years ago, and the job has been to get a new organization on its feet. They have set themselves up under the new name, have elected a broad Board of Directors, have divided the state into three areas, and plan -- Kentucky-fashion -- a somewhat different program for each area.

Virginia:

Cooperating State Executive -- Mr. C. Emerson Smith, Executive Secretary of the Virginia Council of Churches, Department of Christian Social Relations, 109 West Grace Street, Richmond. Telephone 3-0274.

A sub-section of the Virginia Council of Churches continues to serve in the field of race relations. We in the Southern Regional Council have worked out a basis of agreement with the Virginia Council of Churches under which SRC will assist into being a Virginia Council on Human Relations. Of this new body, the appropriate section of the Virginia Council of Churches will be formally one of the component groups. SRC's new agency will attempt increased coordination of a variety of individuals and agencies interested in progress in the field of race relations. The preliminary negotiations are accomplished, and the meetings are to be held in February which should establish the new agency.

1954 ANNUAL MEETING OF THE SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL

This was probably the best Board meeting the Council has ever had. Unusually good attendance and eager interest by the Board members in policy and program. It is clear from that Board meeting that we can depend on the Board in the future for more active participation in the Council's effort over all the South.

A strong Executive Committee was elected. Marion Wright of Linville Falls, North Carolina, was continued as president. Only a few vacancies were available on the Board. Toward filling them the preference of the Nominating Committee went to people with business or church connections. Among newly elected persons who have already accepted, were Mr. Hodding Carter, of Greenville, Mississippi, Mr. Jerome K. Crossman, an oil executive and past president of the Dallas Chamber of Commerce, and Mr. I. H. Burney, a life insurance executive at Jacksonville, Florida, and Mr. Philip Hammer, economic consultant of Atlanta.

INFORMATION

We have been successful in our appeals to the Marshall Field Fund for additional money for New South, and to the Doris Duke Fund for money to enable us to bring in and get out through our own organizational channels, or through New South, a much more complete picture of what is going on in the South. New South will assume a new guise effective with its February issue, 1955. Among the functions described to the Doris Duke Foundation was what we have called research interpretation -- in reality a problem of translating into terms of this society the findings of social scientists on the whole matter of prejudice and discrimination. This will proceed as part of the expanded information program as soon as additional staff can be found and equipped.

Meanwhile, during the last three months, we have continued to service newspaper men, students, and other organizations with special information needs. Articles in which we have had a hand include one on Southern hate groups sent out by the Associated Press; a similar one in Time; one on segregation in Newsweek, and others in the New York Times and Christian Science Monitor. The Virginia Law Review published a significant article on the prospects for integration in recreation, written at our suggestion and with the help of our materials by a brilliant young lawyer named Robert McKay. This analysis may be expected to have some influence on the shaping of future public policy in the Southern states.

The last three issues of New South have enjoyed a good deal of currency as shedding helpful light on the problems of integration: an authoritative analysis of the legalities of the situation; a perceptive field report on attitudes in the mountain South; an historic statement on the Supreme Court decision by Southern Negro educators; and the official progress report on integration in the armed services. None of these significant documents, so far as we know, has been made available elsewhere in print. The volume of requests for these materials shows a steady demand, not only from within the South, but from other parts of the nation as well.

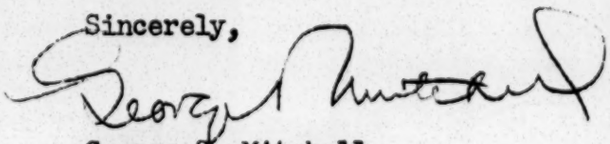
We will publish in January what we believe will be a uniquely useful resource -- a 120-page collection of articles from New South in the last decade laying out the main trends in Southern race relations. The background for the action needed today will thus be assembled between one set of covers. We are hopeful that it will prove a significant working tool in educational, church, and organizational activities.

HELP TO BE ASKED

The Council can only perform the essential work of program coordination if modest additional funds reach it. We will be working with the Executive Committee for ways to get the help, and some of it, we hope, will come from the members of the Board.

Miss Stoney, as Secretary-Treasurer, will send you a finance report as soon as the schedule of the auditor will permit.

Sincerely,



George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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March 9, '54

Mr. William Batchelder
Williamsburg Lodge
Williamsburg, Va.

Dear Mr. Batchelder,

We are grateful for your conferences with my friend Warner Moss, about accommodations.

Our party would total not over 23 persons. They are editors, College Presidents, Church leaders, professional people, professors, etc. Mostly on the earlier side of middle age. Of the total number about six would be Negroes, among them President Dent of Dillard, President Clement of Atlanta University, Mrs. Hamilton of the Atlanta Urban League, Charles Johnson, of Fisk, and two others.

We would gladly take the Brick House Tavern for the period from Thursday May 6 at say 3 P.M. till Sunday May 9 at 3 P.M., at the rate of 128.00 per day. Meals to be in the regular dining room of the Lodge, each gues simply signing his checks, and we to foot the combined bill. We would wish use of the conference room in the basement of the Brick House Tavern. No publicity on the meeting, which is to discuss plans in re the public schools of the Southern States.

I have not as yet received the Foundation grant which is to cover the conference, and will not have received it for some days. May I ask therefore for reservation of the space, with power to cancel on or before March 19. But I do not expect to cancel.

Appreciatively,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

WILLIAMSBURG RESTORATION
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RESTORED COLONIAL GUEST HOUSES

March 11, 1954

RECEIVED
MAR 13 1954
Southern Regional Council

Mr. George S. Mitchell
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
Room 432, 63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Mr. Mitchell:

I have your letter of March 9th in regard to the Southern Regional Council meeting. We will be delighted to tentatively hold the Brick House Tavern for the period May 6th through May 9th at the rate of $128.00 per day.

Looking forward to having your group with us,

I remain,

Sincerely yours,

William P. Batchelder

William P. Batchelder
Manager
Williamsburg Lodge

Col.

1 - Alexander D.B. 1st

2 Abram T.B.

3 Hayes T.B.

4 Christopher T.B.

5 - Stoney - Brantley (2)

6 - Blackwell Parrish

7 Shean D.B.

8 Brooke D.B.

9 Ross D.B.

10 Dixon

11 Zilly H.A. Jones

12 Hamilton D.D. Jones

13 Mitchell Hill.

14 Calhoun Bell

15 Clement

16 G.S. Johnson

Shops

Phil Hinnee

J.H. Griffin

Harold Fox

$$\begin{array}{r} 37 \\ 9 \\ \hline 16 \end{array}$$

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March 17, 54

Mr. David F. Freeman
The Fund for the Republic
1 East 54th Street
New York 22, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Freeman,

We have been busy making up the list of people for the Williamsburg conference, and find it mighty hard to hold it down. Here are the people we have or will probably invite, supposing that some few won't be able to get there:

Steering Committee
- Will W. Alexander, Chapel Hill
  The dean of all these forces in the South
- Charles S. Johnson
  President of Fisk University
- Grace T. Hamilton
  Secretary, Atlanta Urban League
- Malcolm Calhoun
  Secretary, Division of Christian Relations, Presbyterian Church in the U. S. (Southern)
- George Mitchell

Guests
- Harry Ashmore
  Editor, Arkansas Gazette
- Paul Christopher
  CIO Regional Director, Upper South, and frequently regarded as ablest labor man in the South
- Rev. Maurice Shean, C.O.
  Rock Hill, S.C., influential in the Catholic Committee of the South
- Curtis Dixon
  Secretary of Southern Education Fund
- Rufus Clement
  President of Atlanta University
- Mrs. M. E. Tilly
  Sometime President of the Woman's Society of Christian Service, Southeastern Jurisdiction, the Methodist Church

C. H. Parrish Roy Sor Ogden

A. W. Dent
President, Dillard University, New Orleans

Phillip Hammer
Economic Consultant, Atlanta, lately ~~active in~~ preparation of Ashmore Report

Morris Abram
Attorney, Atlanta

Carson Pritchard
Baptist Minister, Carrollton, Georgia, lately active for Fund for Adult Education

Hon. Brooks Hays
Member of Congress, Arkansas

John Griffen
Sociologist, Emory University

Mrs. Ruby Hurley
Birmingham. Southeastern Coordinator, the N.A.A.C.P.

Oliver Hill
Attorney, Richmond, first Negro member of Richmond City Cncl

E. C. Colwell
Emoroy University

John Q. Schisler - Sub - H. A. Jones
Director of Board of Education, the Methodist Church (Nashville)

C H Parrish

Gordon Blackwell
Institute for ~~Research in Social Science~~, Univ. of N.C.

Alex Heard
Department of Government, Univ. of N.C.

~~James H. Coker~~ Jo Ross Lucinda Macon Dallas
~~Manufacturer, Hartsville, S.C.~~

Tartt Bell
~~Southeastern office of~~ American Friends Service Committee Gr.

Rupert Picott
~~Head~~ of Virginia Teachers Assn (which is the Negro Teachers)

Rev. W. Carroll Brooke
Episcopal clergyman, Staunton, Virginia, and head of Education Committee of the Department of Christian Social Relations of the Virginia Council of Churches

Alonzo Moron
President, Hampton Institute

~~Rev.~~ John Wesborn - Greenville - SC

Some of these names we gegard as reserve-list names.

The Williamsburg Lodge has agreed to save for us the whole of the Brick House Tavern (16 rooms), which has its own conference rooms, and meals will be without separation of races, at the Lodge. May 6, 7, 8, 9, which is from dinner on Thursday evening through midday dinner on the following Sunday.

Mrs David D. Jones
church woman lead

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

Heard

KS
E.B.

Maybe 16

March 23, 1954

Mr. William Batchelder
Williamsburg Lodge
Williamsburg, Virginia

Dear Mr. Batchelder:

When Dr. Mitchell gave me the information about the accommodations at the Brick House Tavern which you have so kindly reserved for us for the period from May 6 through 9th he told me that there is also a house back of this building called the "Shop" which would house four people and might be had for $22.00 a day.

I am writing to ask that you reserve this "Shop" for us also for the time May 6th through 9th. We believe that we will need this additional space and feel that it is best to reserve it now.

We cartainly appreciate your cooperation in making arrangements for this conference. I expect to be working with the group on registration and as "handler of business" so will be happy to work in whatever way seems best for both of us. Any suggestions you may have will be welcome. I shall plan to get to Williamsburg ahead of time so that it may all be worked out, but will let you know more about this later one.

Very truly yours,

Katherine Stoney,
Secretary-Treasurer
Southern Regional Council

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March 24, 1954

Mrs. Katherine Stoney
Secretary-Treasurer
Southern Regional Council
63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Mrs. Stoney:

I have your letter of March 23rd and am delighted to reserve the Brick House Tavern Shop for your group from May 6th through May 9th. The rate is $22.00 per day and the Shop will house four people.

Looking forward to having your group with us, I remain,

Sincerely yours,

William P. Batchelder

William P. Batchelder
Manager
Williamsburg Lodge

RECEIVED
MAR 26 1954
RECORDS
Southern Regional

March 24, 1954

Dr. Charles S. Johnson
Fisk University
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Dr. Johnson:

The Southern Regional Council has been asked to arrange a small meeting of Southern people to make plans for the best use of opportunities growing out of the Supreme Court's decision in the schools matter.

Place: Williamsburg, Virginia, where the Williamsburg Lodge has reserved for us the whole of the Brick House Tavern.

Time: from 6:00 P.M. Thursday, May 6 through 2 P.M., Sunday May 9.

Persons invited: yourself, and a total of twenty-five or so more, chosen to be congenial in a working session.

Object: to find and try to agree upon things to be done in the short run (six months) and for a longer pull (five years).

Expenses of travel and accommodation at the Brick House Tavern will be paid. Meals will be at the dining room of the Williamsburg Lodge, nearby.

An agenda will be sent you in a few days, and your criticism and suggestions will be asked.

Travel information also to be sent out shortly.

Please return the enclosed card, saying whether you can be there.

It's a good deal to ask in the way of travel and time for busy people, but it is also a real opportunity to help in furthering things we are all interested in.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:nh

Mr. W. W. Alexander, New Hope Farm, Nelson Road, RFD Chapel Hill, N.C.

Dr. Charles S. Johnson, Fisk University, Nashville, Tenn

CARBON Mrs. Grace Towns Hamilton, Atlanta Urgan League 239 Auburn Avenue, NE

CARBON Mr. Malcolm Calhoun, Christian Relations Division, Presbyterian Ch. in the US
3401 B Ponce de Leon Ave, NE, Atlanta, Ga.

Mr. Harry Ashmore, the Arkansas Gazette, Little Rock, Arkansas

Mr. Paul Christopher 703 Broadway NE, Knoxville 17, Tenn. 216 Platiron Bldg

Very Rev. Maurice Shean, CO., The Oratory, Rock Hill, S.C.

Mr. Curtis Dixon, Southern Education Foundation, 811 Cypress St., NE, Atlanta

Pres. Rufus Clement, AU

CARBON Mrs. Tilly

CARBON Phil Hammer

CARBON Morris Abram

* Hon Brooks Hays, of Arkansas U.S.Capitol, Washington, D.C.

CARBON John Griffen

Mrs. Roby Hurley NAACP Pythian Building, Birmingham, Ala

Mr. Oliver Hill 623 North 3rd Street, Richmond, Va.

Mr. E. C. Colwell, Emory University, Ga.

Dr. John Q. Schisler, Board of Education, the Methodsit Church 1001 19th Ave. S. Nashville Tenn
~~at address in Nashville which HS will kindly supply~~

Professor Gordon Blackwell, Univ. of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, N.C.

Professor Alex Heard, ditto

Tartt Bell 617 West Market Street, Greensboro, N.C.

Mr. J. Rupert Picott, Virginia Teachers Assn. E. Clay Street, R'd, va.

Rev. W. Carroll Brooke, Box 308 Staunton, Virginia (have we better address?)

Mrs. John Welborn 2801 Augusta Road, Greenville, S.C.
Mr. Joe Ross, Nieman-Marcus, Dallas, Texas

Dr. CH Parrish — U of Louisville, Lsvl Ky.

* P.S. We count on Mrs. Hays coming with you

April 27, 1954

Mr. William P. Batchelder
Manager, Williamsburg Lodge
Williamsburg, Virginia

Dear Mr. Batchelder:

Plans for the conference which the Council is to be holding in Williamsburg beginning Thursday, May 6th, are shaping up well.

I have had one request, however, which I believe we should consult you about. One of our participants has asked permission to bring along his dog - a gentle, housebroken Coker Spaniel. His wife will be coming along also and so will be able to look after it. I have told him that I will find out whether Williamsburg has any rules about dogs in their buildings and let him know. While we want out participants to be taken care of, we hadn't bargained for dogs as well so if you think it best, we will tell him to leave the dog at home.

Dr. Mitchell and myself expect to arrive in Williamsburg on the day of May 5th so we can line up plans and get ready for the conference. I will be handling registrations and all the business matters and will hope to work with you on the best ways of work in that regard. Would you please also make some sort of reservation for us for that night - two single rooms wherever you can find them in the town. I would judge that the Brick House Tavern would not be available for us until the 6th. If for any reason no space is available for us for the night of the fifth, let me know immediately and I'll try to make arrangements otherwise.

We certainly appreciate your cooperation in the arrangements for this conference. I expect to arrive in Williamsburg early (8:30) on the morning of the 5th and will get in touch with you soon after that.

Very truly yours,

Katherine Stoney, Sec.-Treas.

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April 29, 1954

RECEIVED
MAY 3
Southern Regional Council

Miss Katherine Stoney
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
Room 432, 63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Miss Stoney:

To answer the questions in your letter of April 27th regarding the meeting of the Southern Regional Council----

We have absolutely no objection to well broken house pets.

We will be delighted to reserve to single rooms for Dr. Mitchell and you for May 5th. However, these rooms may not be ready until as late as Noon.

Looking forward to having you with us, I remain,

Sincerely yours,

William P. Batchelder

William P. Batchelder
Manager
Williamsburg Lodge

April 30, 1954

Mr. William Batchelder
Williamsburg Lodge
Williamsburg, Virginia

Dear Mr. Batchelder:

Dr. Mitchell was out of the office when I wrote you about reserving a room for each of us for the night of May 5th. He tells me now that he will be staying with friends on that night and so does not need accommodations.

Will you, therefore, reserve only one room for May 5th which I will occupy. I'll be in Williamsburg at about 8:30 to 9:00 on Wednesday and will come directly to the Lodge for information.

Thank you very much for your cooperation. We are all lookigg forward to our visit in your city.

Sincerely,

Katherine Stoney,
Secretary-Treasurer

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May 18, 1954

Miss Katherine Stoney
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
Room 432, 63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Miss Stoney:

I assume our letters have crossed in the mail. Your check for $520 was mailed out last week and I trust by now that you have received it.

I have checked with our Accounting Office and they tell me that they have billed you for the telephone calls you mentioned.

Again I want to say that we enjoyed having your group here and we look forward to seeing you again in the near future.

Sincerely yours,

William P. Batchelder

William P. Batchelder
Manager
Williamsburg Lodge

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC.
ATLANTA, GEORGIA
STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS
OPERATING FUND

RECEIPTS

Bank Balance, January 1, 1952			$ 240.61
Church Sources, (Exhibit B)		$ 4060.00	
Labor Organization Sources (Exhibit B)		2600.00	
Foundation Sources (Exhibit B)		13350.00	
Organization Sources (Exhibit B)		1653.26	
Individuals (Exhibit B)		6987.97	
Members Dues		3720.00	
Sale of Misc. Literature		1725.93	
New South Subscriptions		470.00	
Honoraria		350.76	
Sale of Office Equipment		18.00	
State Divisions:			
Alabama	$ 215.00		
Arkansas	61.50		
Florida	180.50		
Kentucky	89.50		
Louisiana	42.00		
Mississippi	124.00		
New Orleans Committee	72.50		
North Carolina	155.00		
South Carolina	260.00	1220.00	
Transfers:			
National Sharecroppers Fund	11.22	11.22	
Loans:			
Citizens Trust Co.	495.00		
Tennessee Division Funds	190.00	685.00	36852.14
			$37092.75

EXHIBIT C
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Alex	50.00
Hays	35.00
Christopher	60.00
Black	50.00
Parrish	100.00
Shean	80.00
Brooke	35.00
Ross-	150.00
Dixon	85.00
Jones	125.00
D.P. Jones	85.00
Hill	20.00
Calhoun	85.00
Bell	85.00
Clement	100.00
Heard	50.00
Johnson	125.00
Picott	80.00

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC.
ATLANTA, GEORGIA
STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS
OPERATING FUND
January 1, 1952 to December 31, 1952

DISBURSEMENTS

Salaries Paid		$ 22641.62	
Travel		1724.77	
Printing		691.68	
Rent		1460.00	
Telephone & Telegraph		717.67	
Postage		405.91	
Books & Magazine Subscriptions		83.17	
Accounting Fees		75.00	
Insurance		9.00	
Office Supplies		625.75	
Expense of Meetings		24.90	
Interest Expense		125.00	
OAB Taxes		266.04	
Special Services		246.35	
Exchange		12.25	
Georgia Sales Tax		14.34	
Miscellaneous		16.00	
1951 Accounts Payable		1184.77	
Note Payable - Thomas F. Byrd		3950.00	
Withholding Taxes 1951		220.40	
State Divisions:			
Alabama	$ 179.50		
Arkansas	50.00		
Florida	167.50		
Kentucky	68.50		
Louisiana	37.50		
Mississippi	116.50		
New Orleans Committee	96.00		
North Carolina	107.50		
South Carolina	243.50	1066.50	
Transfer to Fellowship of the Concerned		300.00	
Total Disbursements			$35861.12

Recapitulation:

Total Receipts	$ 37092.75
Total Disbursements	35861.12
	$ 1231.63

Represented by:
Deposit in First National Bank $1231.63

128
22
150

Lodging $ 450.00
30 @ 150 —
Meals. 450.00
$ 900.00

Travel 1340.00
900 00
2240 00
~~1300~~
~~$ 1940~~

For travel $1500.00
For Hotel $1000.00

EXPENSE ACCOUNT - GSM

Travel during period, May 4-10 All railroad tickets	$ 58.65
Parking suitcases.....	.45
Items for entertainment purposes	12.50
Plus	.60
Plus	1.50
Tips	1.60
Meals enroute	6.78
Limousine for party from ~~Richmond~~ Newport News to Williamsburg ..	19.00
Taxi for Joe Ross - Richmond to Williamsburg	15.00
Taxi -- Williamsburg (Mostly taking WWA to Lodge and back)	4.15
Item -- Illegible on original notes, but believed to be valid	1.50
Total by my faulty arithmetic	$121.73

GEORGE S. MITCHELL

George S. Mitchell

121.73
14.60
117.13

EXPENSE ACCOUNT

Southern Regional Council, Inc.
63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Date.....

Travel

Railway and Pullman Tickets.....$.....

From.....To.....To.....

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Plane: From.....To.....To.....$.....

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Bus: From.....To.....To.....$.....

.....

Auto: From.....To.....To.....$.....

.....

Number of Miles Traveled by Auto.....

Taxicabs Layover group - From Airport to Wash + return $ 8.50

Carfare.....$.....

Hotel

Dates and Places.....$.....

Meals En route $ 2.50

Telephone and Telegraph.....$.....

Other Expenses (Itemize) Transp. to + from Atl. Airport $ 3.00

Special supplies for Brickhouse Shop $ 12.70

TOTAL $ 26.70

Less cash pmt 5/9/54 - 20.00

Less Personal telegram 5/9/54 1.40

5.30

Paid in full 5/13/54 B.

Signed.....

Address Harold C Fleming

Date of Trip 5/6 - 5/9/54 actual 25.30

Purpose of Trip Winsboro Conf.

41.28
157.29
82.25
100.50
39.80
88.21
73.46
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72.30
7.14
81.05
30.70
96.45
22.00
14.80
7.00

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EAL 558.47
1472.80

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STATEMENT

LEE HALL 3901

Denbigh,
~~Newport News~~, Va., May, 9, 1954

IN ACCOUNT WITH

AIRPORT

LIMOUSINE SERVICE

Transportation of Passengers. Charter Service

6-Passengers.Williamsburg To Airport.	$10.50
3- " " " " " " "	$5.25
6- " " Airport To Norfolk.	$20.00
6- " "Ferry Fare.Newport News To Norfolk	#3.78
Total.	$39.53
	1.75
	$41.28

Get tel. calls + bill

EXPENSE ACCOUNT

Southern Regional Council, Inc.
63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Date May 8

Travel

Railway and Pullman Tickets $ 1.86

From Williamsburg To Richmond To

Plane: From Dallas To Washington To Richmond $ 155.43

Richmond to Washington to Dallas

Bus: From To To $

Auto: From To To $

Number of Miles Traveled by Auto

Taxicabs $

Carfare $

Paid 5/9/54 DS

Hotel

Dates and Places $

Meals $

Telephone and Telegraph $

Other Expenses (Itemize) $

$

TOTAL $157.29

Signed Joseph Ross

Address Neiman Marcus
Dallas Texas

Date of Trip May 7-8-9, 1954

Purpose of Trip Williamsburg Conference

EXPENSE ACCOUNT

Southern Regional Council, Inc.
63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Date May 8, 1954.

Travel

Railway and Pullman Tickets ..... $

From ..... To ..... To .....

Plane: From Atlanta To Washington To Newport News $ 77.84
& Return

Bus: From ..... To ..... To ..... $

Auto: From ..... To ..... To ..... $

Number of Miles Traveled by Auto .....

Taxicabs To + From Airport $ 2.40

Carfare $ .84

Hotel

Dates and Places ..... $

P 5/9/54

Meals ..... $

Telephone and Telegraph Williamsburg to Atlanta $ 1.15

Other Expenses (Itemize) ..... $

..... $

TOTAL $ 82.23
25

Signed Malcolm P. Dickerson

Address 1519 Citadel Dr. N.E.
Atlanta, Ga.

Date of Trip May 6, 9 -

Purpose of Trip Williamsburg Conference

CHARLES S. JOHNSON
FISK UNIVERSITY
NASHVILLE, TENN.

Cyprus 9-54

Memo on Expenses

RR fare 45.25
45 25

Miscellaneous Expenses 10.00

100.50

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L&N

N.C.&St.L.

The Pan-American

Williamsburg The Georgian
to Nashville

UNION STATION

NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

3359
1166

Your Train Leaves _____

Space _____

Car Number _____

R. R. Fare _____

Pullman 4525

Total _____

TICKET SELLER

MAXIMUM OF

$5,000

for

25¢

RATES

$ .25 per day for 1 to 5 days
1.50 for 7 days
2.00 for 10 days
2.75 for 15 days
3.50 for 21 days
4.50 for 30 days

RATES

$ 6.00 for 45 days
7.50 for 60 days
10.00 for 90 days
12.50 for 120 days
15.00 for 150 days
17.50 for 180 days

COLUMN 1		COLUMN 2
$5,000	for accidental death	$3,000
$5,000	for loss of both hands or both feet	$3,000
$2,500	for loss of one hand or foot	$1,500
$25.00	per week for total disability, up to 52 weeks	$15.00
$15.00	per week for partial disability, up to 26 weeks	$ 9.00

Amounts in COLUMN 1 are payable for accident while traveling on public conveyances, on land or water.

Amounts in COLUMN 2 are payable for Automobile, at home, recreation and other accidents covered.

Age limits 16 to 69 inclusive

THE TRAVELERS INSURANCE COMPANIES

HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT

Issue the following forms of insurance: Life, Accident, Liability, Automobile, Steam Boiler, Compensation, Group, Burglary, Plate Glass, Fire, Extended Coverage, Inland and Ocean Marine, Fidelity and Surety Bonds.

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EXPENSE ACCOUNT

Southern Regional Council, Inc.
63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Date May 8, 1954

Travel

Railway and Pullman Tickets ..... $

From ..... To ..... To .....

Plane: From Greensboro N.C. To Newport News Va To ..... $ 38.06

Bus: From Newport News To Williamsburg To ..... $ 3.50

Auto: From ..... To ..... To ..... $

Number of Miles Traveled by Auto .....

Taxicabs ..... $

Carfare ..... $

Hotel

Dates and Places ..... $

P.d. 5/9/54

Meals ..... $

Telephone and Telegraph ..... $

Other Expenses (Itemize) ..... $

..... $

TOTAL $ 41.56
Adv - 1.75
39.81

Signed Mrs. David D. Jones

Address Bennett College
Greensboro, N.C.

Date of Trip May 6, 1954

Purpose of Trip .....

EXPENSE ACCOUNT

Southern Regional Council, Inc.
63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Date May 8, 1954

Travel

Railway and Pullman Tickets ..... $ 3.50

From Richmond To Wilkesboro To Richmond

Plane: From Nashville To Richmond To Nashville $ 78.71

Bus: From ..... To ..... To ..... $ .....

Auto: From ..... To ..... To ..... $ .....

Number of Miles Traveled by Auto .....

Taxicabs ..... $ 4.50

Carfare ..... $ .....

Hotel

Dates and Places ..... $ .....

P.D. 5/9/54

Meals ..... $ .....

Telephone and Telegraph ..... $ .....

Other Expenses (Itemize) Red caps ..... $ 1.50

..... $ .....

TOTAL ..... $ 88.21

Signed Mary Ethel Jones

Address Box 871, Nashville

Date of Trip May 6-9, 1954

Purpose of Trip .....

EXPENSE ACCOUNT

Southern Regional Council, Inc.
63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Date May 8-1954

Travel Rd trip Pullman 20 1/4 (Bonette) $ 63 73

Railway and Pullman Tickets $

From Atlanta To Richmond To 41 47

Rail Rd trips Richmond - Williamsburg 2 12

Plane: From To To $

Bus: From To To $

Auto: From To To $

Number of Miles Traveled by Auto

Taxicabs Atlanta, Williamsburg $ 2 55

Carfare $

Hotel

Dates and Places 1 5/9/54 $

Meals En route + Richmond $ 5 25

Telephone and Telegraph $

Other Expenses (Itemize) Porters (baggage + Pullman) $ 2 00

$

TOTAL $ 73 53

Signed Rufus E. Clement

Address Atlanta Univ.
Atlanta, Ga.

Date of Trip May 6-11

Purpose of Trip Meeting at Williamsburg

EXPENSE ACCOUNT

Southern Regional Council, Inc.
63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Date May 8, 1954

Travel

Railway and Pullman Tickets ..... $

From ..... To ..... To .....

Plane: From Louisville To Newport News To Louisville $78.10

Bus: From ..... To ..... To ..... $

Auto: From ..... To ..... To ..... $

Number of Miles Traveled by Auto .....

Taxicabs Louisville $2.00 Washington $2.70 $ 4.70

Carfare ..... $

Hotel

Dates and Places ..... $

5/9/54

Meals ..... $

Telephone and Telegraph ..... $

Other Expenses (Itemize) ..... $

..... $

TOTAL $ 82.80

72.30

Signed [illegible]

Address 926 So 6th St.

Date of Trip May 3-9

Purpose of Trip Meeting at Williamsburg

See note on back

Mrs. Stoney —

Chargeable to me

Flowers — $10.00 plus

Telephone call .50

$10.50 plus

Please deduct this amount from whatever is otherwise due me. —

EXPENSE ACCOUNT

Southern Regional Council, Inc.
63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Date 5/6/54

Travel

Railway and Pullman Tickets ..... $

From ..... To ..... To .....

Plane: From ..... To ..... To ..... $

Bus: From ..... To ..... To ..... $

Auto: From Richmond Va To Williamsburg, Va To ..... $
& return

Number of Miles Traveled by Auto 102

Taxicabs ..... $

Carfare ..... $

Hotel

Dates and Places ..... $

5/9/54

Meals ..... $

Telephone and Telegraph ..... $

Other Expenses (Itemize) ..... $

..... $

TOTAL $ 7.14

Signed Olin W. Hill

Address 623 North Third Street
Richmond, Va.

Date of Trip May 6 - 9 - 1954

Purpose of Trip Attending Williamsburg Conference.

EXPENSE ACCOUNT

Southern Regional Council, Inc.
63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Date.....

Travel

Railway and Pullman Tickets..... $.....

From..... To..... To.....

.....

Plane: From..... To..... To..... $.....

.....

Bus: From..... To..... To..... $.....

.....

Auto: From Knoxville, Tenn. To Williamsburg, Va. To Knoxville, Tenn. $ 71.40

.....

Number of Miles Traveled by Auto 1020

Taxicabs..... $.....

Carfare..... $.....

Hotel

Dates May 5 and 9, 1954
and
Places Richmond, Va. and Lynchburg, Va. $ 14.00

Meals May 5, 6, 9 and 10 $ 8.50

Telephone and Telegraph..... $.....

Other Expenses (Itemize)..... $.....

..... $.....

TOTAL $ 93.90 (over)

Signed Paul R. C. Christopher

Address 216 FLATIRON BLDG., Knoxville, Tenn.

.....

Date of Trip May 5-10, 1954

Purpose of Trip To attend Williamsburg conference

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pd 181.05

Less meals at Williamsburg Lodge
for Mrs. Christopher

5/6 Dinner – 3.25
5/7 Lunch – .60
3.85

93.90
3.85
90.05
9.00 room
81.05

EXPENSE ACCOUNT

Southern Regional Council, Inc.
63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Date May 8, 1954

Travel

Railway and Pullman Tickets ..... $

From ..... To ..... To .....

Plane: From ..... To ..... To ..... $

Bus: From ..... To ..... To ..... $

Auto: From Chapel Hill To Williamsburg To Chapel Hill $28.70

Number of Miles Traveled by Auto 410

Taxicabs ..... $

Carfare ..... $

Hotel

Dates and Places ..... $

Meals Enroute ..... $ 2.00

Telephone and Telegraph ..... $

Other Expenses (Itemize) ..... $

..... $

TOTAL $ 30.70

Signed Gordon W. Blackwell

Address Box 1171
Chapel Hill, N.C.

Date of Trip May 6-9, 1954

Purpose of Trip Conference on Integration in Schools

P.D. 5/8/54

J. C. Dixon

EXPENSE ACCOUNT

Southern Regional Council, Inc.
63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Date May 9, 1954

Travel

Railway and Pullman Tickets ..... $

From ..... To ..... To .....

Plane: From Atlanta To New Port News To Atlanta $ 90.05

Bus: From ..... To ..... To ..... $

Auto: From ..... To ..... To ..... $

Number of Miles Traveled by Auto .....

Taxicabs 35¢ - taxi to Atlanta airport; bus - Atl 1.40 $ 4.90

Carfare ..... $

Hotel

Dates and Places ..... $

Paid 5/9/54

Meals ..... $

Telephone and Telegraph ..... $

Other Expenses (Itemize) ..... $

Coffee - Room 353 - Group I - 8th $ 1.50

TOTAL $ 96.45

Signed J. C. Dixon

Address .....

Date of Trip May 6th - 9th

Purpose of Trip .....

EXPENSE ACCOUNT

Southern Regional Council, Inc.
63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Date.....

Travel

Railway and Pullman Tickets.....$.....

From.....To.....To.....

.....

Plane: From.....To.....To.....$.....

.....

Bus: From.....To.....To.....$.....

.....

Auto: From Staunton, Va. To Williamsburg, Va. To Staunton, Va. $27.00

.....

Number of Miles Traveled by Auto 314

Taxicabs.....$.....

Carfare.....$.....

Hotel

Dates
and
Places.....$.....

Paid 5/8/54 PS.

Meals.....$.....

Telephone and Telegraph.....$.....

Other Expenses (Itemize).....$.....

.....$.....

TOTAL.....$.....

Signed N. Carroll Brooke

Address Box 208,
Staunton, Va.

Date of Trip May 6th + 8th, 1954

Purpose of Trip Conference on Segregation in Schools.

EXPENSE ACCOUNT

Southern Regional Council, Inc.
63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Date 4/8/54

Travel

Railway and Pullman Tickets ..... $

From ..... To ..... To .....

Plane: From ..... To ..... To ..... $

Bus: From ..... To ..... To ..... $

Auto: From Rock Hill To Williamsburg To Rock Hill $ 12.00

Number of Miles Traveled by Auto 650 miles

Taxicabs ..... $

Carfare ..... $

Hotel

Dates and Places ..... $

Meals ..... $ 2.00

Telephone and Telegraph ..... $

Other Expenses (Itemize) Ferry ..... $ .80

..... $

TOTAL $ 14.80

Signed Mr. Maurice V. Shean

Address The Oratory Box 895
Rich Hill S.C.

Date of Trip .....

Purpose of Trip .....

EXPENSE ACCOUNT

Southern Regional Council, Inc.
63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Date May 9, 1954

Travel

Railway and Pullman Tickets ..... $

From ..... To ..... To .....

Plane: From ..... To ..... To ..... $

Bus: From ..... To ..... To ..... $

Auto: From ..... To ..... To ..... $

Number of Miles Traveled by Auto .....

Taxicabs ..... $

Carfare ..... $

P 8
5/9/54

Hotel

Dates and Places ..... $

Meals Wash., May 6 - lunch 1.65; Williamsburg, May 7, lunch 1.30 ..... $ 2.95

Telephone and Telegraph ..... $

Other Expenses (Itemize) Car storage, Atl. airport 4.00 ..... $ 4.00

..... $

TOTAL ..... $ 6.95

Signed Philip Hammer

Address 721 Glenn Bldg
Atlanta Ga.

Date of Trip May 6-9, 1954

Purpose of Trip Yes, there was.

STATEMENT

Williamsburg Restoration, Incorporated

Division of Visitor Accommodations

Box 217-218

Williamsburg, Virginia

Williamsburg Inn
Williamsburg Lodge

King's Arms Tavern
Restored Colonial Guest Houses
Chowning's Tavern

Market Square Tavern
Brick House Tavern

5-9-54

Miss Katherine Stoney

Southern Regional Council

ALL BILLS PAYABLE ON PRESENTATION

$ 947.49

Rooms	459	00
Food	373	60
Beverage	6	60
Local Phone Calls	1	50
Long Distance Phone Calls	32	37
Telegrams	3	91
Flowers – Pd by CHHarris –	11	76
~~Postcards & Stationery~~ typewriter & paper –	5	00
Tips	53	75
Total	947	49
Maids-Brick House Tavern	52	51
	1000	00

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WILLIAMSBURG LODGE
MAY 9 1954
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May 14, 1954

Mr. William Batchelder
Williamsburg Lodge
Williamsburg, Virginia

Dear Mr. Batchelder:

I want to add my own word of thanks to you and all the staff at Williamsburg Lodge and the Brick House Tavern for all your kindnesses to us during our conference. You certainly granted our every request almost before we asked it.

I did take advantage of your offer to exchange the "left over" cash for a check from you and turned in to your office the sum of $520.00 for which I have a receipt. Since I'm now back in the office and trying to get the conference business finished off, I'll appreciate your check for this amount when it is convenient for you. I believe that there were two more telephone calls charged to me after I had paid the bill. Please let me know the amount and I'll send payment. There was one to Newport News and a couple of local ones were made as well.

If there are any other uncared-for matters, please let us know and we'll make them right.

I'm looking forward to another trip to Williamsburg when I can have time to enjoy the town as well as the hospitality of the Lodge.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely,

Katherine Stoney,
Secretary-Treasurer

May 17, 1954

Mr. William P. Batchelder
Williamsburg Lodge
Williamsburg, Virginia

Dear Mr. Batchelder:

Your kind letter and the check for $520. for the cash your cashier so helpfully took over for me in exchange, arrived on Saturday. Thank you all for this courtesy.

Attached is my check for the two telephone calls made after I had settled the account.

We shall always remember Williamsburg and your courtesy to us and hope to have another visit there.

Very truly yours,

Katherine Stoney,
Secretary-Treasurer

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May 17, 1954

Mr. Joseph Ross
Neiman-Marcus Company
Dallas 1, Texas

Dear Mr. Ross:

I'm now back in the office and trying to finish up all the things I promised to do at Williamsburg.

The long distance calls as charged to you account by the Lodge were:

	$4.51
	3.41
	2.53
	$ 10.45

Enclosed is a membership form for SRC along with a copy of the policy statement as adopted by the Annual Membership meeting of 1951. We welcome you as a member of the SRC family.

Williamsburg was an interesting experience - all the more so because of your contributions both in the conference and "around the edges". We hope you will be meeting with us again sometime.

Best wishes from the staff. Come to see us if you are ever in Atlanta.

Sincerely,

Katherine Stoney,
Secretary-Treasurer

ks

May	9	Telephone "	.44 .50	$ 0.94

Calls made to N. News re plane reservations

We regret that these calls were not posted to your account when it was paid at Williamsburg Lodge.

Pd by KS

5/17/54

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№ 289940

WILLIAMSBURG LODGE

WILLIAMSBURG, VA.

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M Mr H Fleming & P Hammer & J Griffin

FOLIO No.
FROM
TO

ROOM BHS RATE 3/22.00

DATE	5/6	7	8	9
Forward		34 75	72 35	121 66
Rooms	22.00	22 –	22	
Food	11 25	5 30	5 60	2 20
		60	3 60	7 75
		1 25		
		6 50		
Beverage		1 20	1 80	
				10
Local Phone			1 00	10
			~~12 60~~	
L. D. Phone			1 38	
			1 93	
Laundry				
Valet				
Telegrams				1 41
			50	
Cash Advanced	1 50	75	1 00	45
			50	1 –
Transfer				
				12 4 31
Total Charges	34 75	72 35	121 66	
Cash				
Allowances				
Transfer				
Total Credits				
Balance				

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№ 289938

WILLIAMSBURG LODGE

WILLIAMSBURG, VA.

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M rev Malcolm Calhoun & Mr B Tartt Bell

FOLIO No.
FROM
TO

ROOM B-16 RATE 2/7.50

DATE	5/6	7	8	9
Forward		750	21 60	52 74
Rooms	7.50	750	750	
Food		205	220	95
		125	6 85	
		330	5 65	
			650	
Beverage				
Local Phone			10	
L. D. Phone			39	
			33	
Laundry				
Valet				
Telegrams			1 62	
Cash Advanced				
Transfer				
				53 69
Total Charges	750	21 60	52 74	
Cash				
Allowances				
Transfer				
Total Credits				
Balance				

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No. 289933

WILLIAMSBURG LODGE

WILLIAMSBURG, VA.

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M Rev W Carroll Brooke

FOLIO No.
FROM
TO

ROOM B-15 RATE 1/7.50

DATE	5/6	7	8	9
Forward		7.50	20.75	28.75
Rooms	7.50	7.50	7.50	
Food		5.45		
Beverage			.50	
Local Phone		.10		
		.10		
		.10		
L. D. Phone				
Laundry				
Valet				
Telegrams				
Cash Advanced				
Transfer				
Total Charges	7.50	20.75	28.75	
Cash				
Allowances				
Transfer				
Total Credits				
Balance				

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No. 289932

WILLIAMSBURG LODGE

WILLIAMSBURG, VA.

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M Very Rev, Maurice Shean

FOLIO No.
FROM
TO

ROOM B-14 RATE 1/7.50

DATE	5/6	7	8	9
Forward		7 50	16 20	23 70
Rooms	7 50	7 50	7 50	
Food		1 20		
Beverage				
Local Phone				
L. D. Phone				
Laundry				
Valet				
Telegrams				
Cash Advanced				
Transfer				
Total Charges	7 50	16 20	23 70	
Cash				
Allowances				
Transfer				
Total Credits				
Balance				

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No. 289931

WILLIAMSBURG LODGE

WILLIAMSBURG, VA.

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Mr Charles S Johnson

FOLIO No.
FROM
TO

ROOM B-13 RATE 1/7.50

DATE	5/6	7	8	9			
Forward		7.50	15-	25.50			
Rooms	7.50	7.50	7.50				
Food			2.50	3.75			
Beverage							
Local Phone							
L. D. Phone							
Laundry							
Valet							
Telegrams							
Cash Advanced			.50				
Transfer							
Total Charges	7.50	15-	25.50				
Cash							
Allowances							
Transfer							
Total Credits							
Balance							

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No. 289928

WILLIAMSBURG LODGE

WILLIAMSBURG, VA.

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M Dr J Curtis Dixon

FOLIO No.
FROM
TO

ROOM ~~B-10~~ 3-12 RATE ~~17.50~~ 13.75

DATE	5/6	7	8	9
Forward		750	1575	2005
Rooms	7.50	375	375	
Food		~~475~~		115
		95		195
		160		
		195		
Beverage				
Local Phone				
L. D. Phone			55	
Laundry				
Valet				
Telegrams				
Cash Advanced				
Transfer				
Total Charges	750	1575	2005	
Cash				
Allowances				
Transfer				
Total Credits				
Balance				

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No 289930

WILLIAMSBURG LODGE

WILLIAMSBURG, VA.

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Mr Dr R E Clement

FOLIO No.
FROM
TO

ROOM B-12 RATE ~~17.50~~ 13.75

DATE	5/6	7	8	9
Forward		7.50	13.50	19.20
Rooms	7.50	3.75	3.75	
Food		1.40	1.95	1.—
		.85		
Beverage				
Local Phone				
L. D. Phone				
Laundry				
Valet				
Telegrams				
Cash Advanced				
Transfer				
Total Charges	7.50	13.50	19.20	
Cash				
Allowances				
Transfer				
Total Credits				
Balance				

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№ 289929

WILLIAMSBURG LODGE

WILLIAMSBURG, VA.

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M Dr Charles H Parrish & Dr G S Mitchell

FOLIO No.
FROM
TO

ROOM B-11 RATE 2/7.50

DATE	5/6	7	8	9			
Forward		8 55	37 36	64 61			
Rooms	7.50	7 50	7 50				
Food		1 95	3 65	3 25			
		1 40	6 60				
		5 20	7 25				
			2 25				
Beverage		50					
Local Phone							
L. D. Phone	39	50					
	66						
Laundry							
Valet							
Telegrams							
Flowers (2)		11 76					
Cash Advanced							
Transfer							
Total Charges	8 55	37 36	64 61				
Cash							
Allowances							
Transfer							
Total Credits							
Balance							

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№ 289923

WILLIAMSBURG LODGE

WILLIAMSBURG, VA.

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Mr Joseph Ross

FOLIO No.
FROM
TO

ROOM ~~B-7~~ B-10 RATE ~~7/8.00~~ 7/7.50

DATE	5/6	7	8	9
Forward		8 —	15 50	32 36
Rooms	8.00	7 50	7 50	
Food	~~4 75~~	4 75		2 25
Beverage				
Local Phone			10	
L. D. Phone			4 51	3 41 2 53
Laundry				
Valet				
Telegrams				
Cash Advanced				40
Transfer				
Total Charges	8 —	15 50	32 36	40 95
Cash				
Allowances				
Transfer				
Total Credits				
Balance				

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No. 289927

WILLIAMSBURG LODGE

WILLIAMSBURG, VA.

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Mr Oliver Hill & Dr Gordon Blackwell

FOLIO No.
FROM
TO

ROOM B-9 RATE 2/7.50

DATE	5/6	7	8	9			
Forward		7 52	18 95	27 85			
Rooms	7.50	7 50	7 50				
Food	~~2 65~~	3 95	1 20	2 40			
				6 50			
Beverage							
			10				
Local Phone			10	10			
L. D. Phone							
Laundry							
Valet							
Telegrams							
Cash Advanced							
Transfer							
Total Charges	7 50	18 95	27 85				
Cash							
Allowances							
Transfer							
Total Credits							
Balance							

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WILLIAMSBURG LODGE

WILLIAMSBURG, VA.

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M rs Grace T Hamilton & Mrs David D Jones

FOLIO No.

FROM

TO

ROOM B-8 RATE 2/9.00

DATE	5/6	7	8	9
Forward		9 —	21 95	40 30
Rooms	9.00	9 —	9	
Food		1 50	3 10	
		1 85	1 80	
		60	4 45	
Beverage				
Local Phone				10
L. D. Phone				
Laundry				
Valet				
Telegrams				88
Cash Advanced				
Transfer				
Total Charges	9 —	21 95	40 30	
Cash				
Allowances				
Transfer				
Total Credits				
Balance				

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WILLIAMSBURG LODGE

WILLIAMSBURG, VA.

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M Dr Will W Alexander

FOLIO No.
FROM
TO

ROOM ~~B-6~~ B-7 RATE 1/8.00

DATE	5/6	7	8	9
Forward		8 –	28 85	38 85
Rooms	8.00	8 –	8	
Food		1 10	2 00	
		125		
		10 00		
Beverage				
Local Phone				
L. D. Phone				
Laundry				
Valet				
Telegrams				
		25		
Cash Advanced		25		
Transfer				
Total Charges	8 –	28 85	38 85	
Cash				
Allowances				
Transfer				
Total Credits				
Balance				

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WILLIAMSBURG LODGE

WILLIAMSBURG, VA.

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Miss Mary Alice Jones & Mrs M E Tilly

B3 +

ROOM ~~B-3~~ B-6 RATE 2/~~8.00~~ 16.00

FOLIO No.
FROM
TO

DATE	5/6	7	8	9
Forward		8 —	32 90	56 35
Rooms	8.00	16 —	16	
Food		95	110	55
		55	55	355
		165	165	
		125	165	
		4 50	250	
Beverage				
Local Phone				10
L. D. Phone				
Laundry				
Valet				
Telegrams				
Cash Advanced				
Transfer				
Total Charges	8 —	32 90	56 35	
Cash				
Allowances				
Transfer				
Total Credits				
Balance				

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No. 289921

WILLIAMSBURG LODGE

WILLIAMSBURG, VA.

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Mr & Mrs Morris B Abram

FOLIO No.

FROM

TO

ROOM B-5 RATE 2/9.00

DATE	5/6	7	8	9
Forward		9-	19 05	48 60
Rooms	9.00	9-	9	
Food			20 55	22 5
Beverage				
Local Phone				10
L. D. Phone		1 05		
Laundry				
Valet				
Telegrams				
Cash Advanced				
Transfer				
Total Charges	9-	19 05	48 60	50 95
Cash				
Allowances				
Transfer				
Total Credits				
Balance				

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No. 289920

WILLIAMSBURG LODGE

WILLIAMSBURG, VA.

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M Congressman & Mrs Brooks Hays

FOLIO No.

FROM

TO

ROOM B-4 RATE 2/9.00

DATE	5/6	7	8	9			
Forward		9 –	21 45	38 60			
Rooms	9.00	9 –	9				
Food		190	4 45	2 10			
		155	3 70				
Beverage							
Local Phone							
L. D. Phone							
Laundry							
Valet							
Telegrams							
Cash Advanced							
Transfer							
Total Charges	9 –	21 45	38 60				
Cash							
Allowances							
Transfer							
Total Credits							
Balance							

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No. 289918

WILLIAMSBURG LODGE

WILLIAMSBURG, VA.

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Mrs E A Brantley

FOLIO No.

FROM

TO

ROOM B-2 RATE 1/4.00

DATE	5/6	7	8	9
Forward		4 —	10 50	14 50
Rooms	4.00	4 —	4	
Food		95		
		155		
Beverage				
Local Phone				
L. D. Phone				
Laundry				
Valet				
Telegrams				
Cash Advanced				
Transfer				
Total Charges	4 —	10 50	14 50	
Cash				
Allowances				
Transfer				
Total Credits				
Balance				

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No. 289830

WILLIAMSBURG LODGE

WILLIAMSBURG, VA.

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Miss Katherine Stoney

FOLIO No.
FROM
TO

ROOM ~~B-4~~ B-2 RATE ~~1/9.00~~ 1/4.00

DATE	5/5	6	7	8	9
Forward		9.10	16.80	61.60	106.36
Rooms	9.00	4.00	4.—	4.	
Food		1.15	1.80	.55	4.05
		2.55	1.10	2.25	6.3—
			8.55	2.40	4.95
			1.45	6.—	
			18.70		
Beverage			.85	1.15	.25
			.35		
Local Phone	.10		.10		
L. D. Phone				2.31	.33
				.14	
				.66	
Laundry					
Valet					
Telegrams					
STAT. CHARGE				5.—	4.—
					6.75
				4.20	5.40
Cash Advanced			2.50	2.70	6.35
			5.40	8.10	52.50
Transfer					
Total Charges	9.10	16.80	61.60	106.36	110.74
Cash					
Allowances					
Transfer					
Total Credits					
Balance					

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WILLIAMSBURG LODGE

WILLIAMSBURG, VA.

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Mr & Mrs Paul R Christopher

FOLIO No.
FROM
TO

ROOM B-1 RATE 2/9.00

DATE	5/6	7	8	9				
Forward		9—	19—	40/15				
Rooms	9.00	9—	9					
Food		1—	1.00					
			2 85					
			330					
Beverage								
Local Phone								
L. D. Phone								
Laundry								
Valet								
Telegrams								
Cash Advanced								
Transfer								
Total Charges	9—	19—	40/15					
Cash								
Allowances								
Transfer								
Total Credits								
Balance								

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May 14, 1954

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Williamsburg Lodge
Williamsburg, Virginia

Dear Mr. Batchelder:

I want to add my own word of thanks to you and all the staff at Williamsburg Lodge and the Brick House Tavern for all your kindnesses to us during our conference. You certainly granted our every request almost before we asked it.

I did take advantage of your offer to exchange the "left over" cash for a check from you and turned in to your office the sum of $520.00 for which I have a receipt. Since I'm now back in the office and trying to get the conference business finished off, I'll appreciate your check for this amount when it is convenient for you. I believe that there were two more telephone calls charged to me after I had paid the bill. Please let me know the amount and I'll send payment. There was one to Newport News and a couple of local ones were made as well.

If there are any other uncared-for matters, please let us know and we'll make them right.

I'm looking forward to another trip to Williamsburg when I can have time to enjoy the town as well as the hospitality of the Lodge.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely,

Katherine Stoney,
Secretary-Treasurer

WILLIAMSBURG RESTORATION
INCORPORATED
WILLIAMSBURG, VIRGINIA

DIVISION OF
WILLIAMSBURG INN AND LODGE

WILLIAMSBURG INN
WILLIAMSBURG LODGE
MARKET SQUARE TAVERN
BRICK HOUSE TAVERN
CHOWNING'S TAVERN
KING'S ARMS TAVERN
RESTORED COLONIAL GUEST HOUSES

May 12, 1954

RECEIVED
MAY 16 1954
Southern Regional Council

Miss Katherine Stoney
Southern Regional Council
63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Miss Stoney:

It was indeed a pleasure for us to have the Southern Regional Council here at the Lodge.

I am enclosing our check for $520.00 for the exchange amount you left with us.

I trust that the entire group found their stay satisfactory, and we look forward to having you with us again in the near future.

With best wishes, I am,

Sincerely yours,

William P. Batchelder

William P. Batchelder
Manager
Williamsburg Lodge

May 11, 1954

address(?)

Dear Mr. Batchelder:

All of us concerned with the recent meeting at the Brick House Tavern are deeply grateful to you and to all who helped make your part of the Restoration run so smoothly.

Everyone was delightfully comfortable, and most of those who were there drew me aside at one time or another and expressed appreciation of the opportunity to meet in that way at Williamsburg.

My warm admiration of the smoothness with which your whole operation works.

Appreciatively,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

Copy to: Katherine Stoney

ACCEPTANCE OF ATTACHED CHECK CONSTITUTES APPROVAL AND RATIFICATION OF ALL ITEMS STATED BELOW. RETURN WITHOUT ALTERATION IF INCORRECT.

DETACH AND RETAIN THIS STATEMENT — NO ACKNOWLEDGMENT REQUIRED

DATE	EXPLANATION	INVOICE	DISCOUNT	NET
	Exchange.	520.00		520.00
				KS.

WILLIAMSBURG RESTORATION INC., DIVISION OF VISITOR ACCOMMODATIONS, WILLIAMSBURG, VIRGINIA

STATEMENT

Williamsburg Restoration, Incorporated

Division of Visitor Accommodations

Box 217-218

Williamsburg, Virginia

Williamsburg Inn
Williamsburg Lodge

King's Arms Tavern
Restored Colonial Guest Houses
Chowning's Tavern

Market Square Tavern
Brick House Tavern

Miss Katherine Stoney

Southern Regional Council

ALL BILLS PAYABLE ON PRESENTATION $ 520.00

	Received cash	520 00

F PAID F
WILLIAMSBURG LODGE
MAY 9 1954
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G. Hood

WILLIAMSBURG RESTORATION, INC.
DIVISION OF VISITOR ACCOMMODATIONS

Williamsburg Conf.

	Postage	Travel	Tel + Tel	Lodging	Meals -	Travel of deleg -
3/28/54 G.SM -		6033				
4/13/54 Sou Bell -			2450			
4/27 Postage	194					71423
4/28						
4/30 Cashiers checks.				100000		150000
4/30 GSM.						17500
5/14 Refund.						1645
5/15						4455
						5509
5/16 Refund.						15576
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5/21 J Ross ref -				1045		
5/27 Tel -			1204			
			3654	98955		179819
			765			5627
			6/11/54 4369			
Reports - postage	722					
stem -	550					
paper	300					
other -	500					

4/27 - 8 stencils
300 sheets mimeo
60 sheets. vellum 8½ x 14
25 sheets letter head
25 " mimeo
25. envelopes -

	Budget	Apr	May	June	Total 1st Q	Bal. Avail.
4-C Div.	10000	x	x			

DETACH BEFORE DEPOSITING

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC.

INVOICE DATE		AMOUNT
	Round trip tickets Atlanta to Williamsburg airport for Following:	
	Fleming 77.88 Hamilton 77.88 Hammer 77.88 Brantley 77.88 Griffin 77.88 Abram and Mrs. Abram 77.88 x 2 Tilly 77.88 Stoney 91.19	714.23
	Charge to Williamsburg Conference	

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2 @ 30 ¢.	9
2 @ 15 ¢	
1 @ 9 ¢	
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March 27, 1953

Mr. Leonard Haas
Haas-Howell Bldg.
Atlanta, Ga.

Dear Leonard:

Here is a letter I have sent to Marion Wright, with acopy of the proposed changes in the by-laws as sent to him.

Mr. Wright had originally written me February 11 anent the by-laws, as follows:

> Should the purposes of the corporation be generally stated, with the right reserved to the members to amend at any annual meeting? I should like for you to ask Mr. Haas his opinion on this point. It may be that the purposes are stated in our charter or elsewhere.

I take it that the purposes of the corporation are adequately stated in the charter, but I pass on Mr. Wright's query for your kind consideration.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:ec

March 27, 1953

Mr. Marion A. Wright
Linville Falls, N. C.

Dear Marion:

I come up now against the business of a nominating committee to pick new members of the Board. The nominating committee, as approved by the September 27, 1952, meeting of the Executive Committee: Gadsden Shand, chairman; Mrs. Rebecca Gershon; Ernest Neal; Ocie Lee Smith; Mrs. William H. Hogue; Louis Regenstein.

That's a good committee. It so happens, however, that Rebecca Gershon is traveling abroad and will not be back until after the annual meeting. I should think you would be quite within your rights in naming a substitute for Mrs. Gershon, as you were, in any case, delegated by the September 27 meeting to pick the nominating committee. Our suggestion would be Rev. Edward G. Mackey, pastor of the Methodist Church at Statesboro, Georgia. He has been on our side for years and has the confidence of the clergy in Georgia.

We propose, with your permission, to get out to all the members a mimeoed call to the annual meeting. Date selected: May 12 for the Board, May 13 for the membership.

In order to avoid the wretched business of picking a "lame duck" Board for the last few months of our present organization and picking at the same meeting another Board, to come to life when, as, and if we are reorganized, we are proposing likewise in a call to the meeting an amendment to the by-laws which would use substantially the language of the new by-laws as to a Board. Then you've got one Board chosen to be the Board, come what may. It just seems decent and democratic to give maximum notice to everybody of that proposed change, though such notice is not technically required by our present by-laws.

This proposal has the added advantage of enabling us to draw on the present Board members whose second terms are now expired, and so hold over some of our best people by the device of new by-laws. I hope that is all right.

Sincerely,

GSM:ec

George S. Mitchell

March 27, 1953

Mr. Marion A. Wright
Linville Falls, N. C.

Dear Marion:

'Way back there when we were worrying about new by-laws I sent a copy of the proposed new by-laws to Josephine Wilkins. She's a Board member. Hasn't been much around because she's been ill. Is a fine-tooth comb lady and has a peculiarly rich experience in fine-tooth combing by-laws. She at last got time to go through ours. Came in March 25, and I went over her proposals. Here is another draft that incorporates her proposals. They seem wise and democratic to me. If you have further changes, do make them, and I will lock a draft together finally to the Board and the membership.

I have also incorporated the changes you suggested in your letter to me of February 11, 1953. I am now querying Leonard Haas on the last point raised in your letter of February 11; namely, should the purposes of the corporation be generally stated, with reservation of right of amendment at annual meeting, or is that matter cared for in the charter or elsewhere?

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:ec

April 21, 1953

Rev. D. Swan Haworth
First Baptist Church
Lumberton, N. C.

Dear Mr. Haworth:

Many thanks for your letter of April 16.

We will still hope that there will be some way for you to come down for the meeting May 13.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:ec

SRC

First Baptist Church

CLIFFORD ELKINS
EDUCATIONAL DIRECTOR

D. SWAN HAWORTH, PASTOR

MRS. SARAH BURFORD
ELEMENTARY DIRECTOR

Lumberton, North Carolina

April 16, 1953

RECEIVED
APR 18
Southern Regional Council

Dr. George S. Mitchell
Southern Regional Council
63 Auburn Avenue N.E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Dr. Mitchell:

I have your letter of April 13 giving me information concerning the meeting of the Board of Directors of the Southern Regional Council on May 13. I regret that a previous engagement will make it impossible for me to attend the session of the board and also impossible for me to attend the session of the larger group on the following day. Should there be any possibility of my re-arranging my schedule I will do so but it looks now as though I will not be able to be present for the meeting in Atlanta on May 13.

Hope that everything moves well with the work. I continue to appreciate and profit by the information that is sent out by the council.

Sincerely,

D. Swan Haworth

D. Swan Haworth

DSH:jph

April 21, 1953

Mr. Davisson F. Dunlap
Barnett National Bank Bldg.
Jacksonville, Fla.

Dear Mr. Dunlap:

Many thanks for your kind letter of April 18. We will be sorry not to have you but will be grateful for Mrs. White's presence.

It is fine that you and Crawford Solomon are working on the matter of a volunteer. Do pick him or her in time for the Florida volunteer to come up to the meeting (at our expense) May 14.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:ec

LAW OFFICES

ADAIR, KENT, ASHBY & CRENSHAW

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APR 20
Southern Regional Council

HENRY P. ADAIR
FRED H. KENT
CLARENCE G. ASHBY
McCARTHY CRENSHAW
JOHN M. BARNES
RUBY F. BARNEY
DAVISSON F. DUNLAP

W. SPERRY LEE
MONTGOMERY J. CORSE
CLAUDE K. SLATER
W. ROBERT MANN

BARNETT NATIONAL BANK BUILDING
JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA

April 18, 1953.

Mr. George S. Mitchell
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
63 Auburn Avenue, N.E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Mr. Mitchell:

Unfortunately, prior Court committments will prevent my attending the Board of Directors meeting on May 13 in Atlanta. I have designated Mrs. W. C. White to represent Florida at that meeting.

Mr. Solomon and I have had several conferences concerning the school situation here in Florida and we hope to have in the next week or so the proper volunteer worker to carry on the work as outlined in your letter of March 31, 1953.

We will keep you informed of all developments.

Sincerely yours,

Davisson F. Dunlap

Davisson F. Dunlap

DFD:jb

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April 30, 1953

Mrs. Milton P. Adler
New Orleans Committee on Race Relations
61 Versailles Blvd.
New Orleans, La.

Dear Mrs. Adler:

Your letter came in April 21, and I have been away ever since then, which is why I am so slow in answering.

The truth is that we have never altered constitutional matters so as to make room in Louisiana for a Board member's vote by the head or acting head of SRC and the head of the New Orleans Committee. But this good Council, as a private outfit, is, I believe, free of too much respect for machinery. We earnestly need you at the meetings May 13 and 14 and regard you as in all ways equivalent to a Board member. So please do come for the two days, and we will cover your expenses for the trip.

The Board convenes Wednesday, May 13, in the Board Room of Atlanta University, 223 Chestnut Street, S. W., Atlanta. It will meet all morning, adjourn for a cafeteria lunch at Spelman College near-by, and return for an hour or two in the afternoon.

The membership meeting comes the next day, Thursday, May 14, at Dean Sage Hall at Atlanta University. It goes on all morning, adjourns for lunch at the Graduate Dormitory at Atlanta University, and finishes up somewhere around four or five p.m. that day.

We will be glad to make hotel reservations for you here in Atlanta if you will let us know that you want one. We have a block of rooms available at the Piedmont.

I do hope that by the time of the meeting the New Orleans Committee can have decided what it will do about having somebody con up on schools who will be available as a correspondent for us and as a helper of various good movements thereabouts as the school situation unfolds.

We would like to have your New Orleans person up here (again at our expense) if you have somebody, to report with the others briefly on how the situation looks.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:ec

NEW ORLEANS COMMITTEE ON RACE RELATIONS

AFFILIATED WITH THE SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL

~~[illegible] STREET~~

NEW ORLEANS LOUISIANA

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DR. ALBERT W. DENT
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MR. NUMA ROUSSEVE
TREASURER

~~MRS. [illegible] STANLEY~~
~~EXECUTIVE SECRETARY~~

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MR. JOHN McCANN
MR. J. WESTBROOK McPHERSON
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MR. NUMA ROUSSEVE
MISS LUCILLE SAVOIE
MISS DOROTHEA SCHLESINGER
MRS. ROY M. SCHWARZ
MRS. ROGER P. SHARP
DR. RUTH SHUSHAN
MISS FLORENCE SYTZ
MR. A. P. TUREAUD
MR. ERNEST J. WRIGHT

April 17, 1953

RECEIVED
APR 21
Southern Regional Council

Mr. George S. Mitchell
63 Auburn Ave. N.E.
Atlanta, 3, Georgia.

Dear Mr. Mitchell,

I was overwhelmed with the communication that reached my desk yesterday addressed to "Dear Board Member" -- all of which came as news to me. I'm very interested if this is an accurate communication, which I assume it to be despite the fact I don't understand the "why" of the new title. Perhaps between now and May 13 you can clear this up for me.

I'm beginning now to arrange my schedule so that I can come to Atlanta on May 13 and 14. At this particular stage in the local committees work, I'm certain that you can be very helpful to me.

Enclosed you will find a notice of our meeting scheduled here on April 21, through which we also hope to get additional memberships. I have on my desk 15 checks that came to me in response to a personal letter and think this week will bring in still more.

Will you kindly send me the schedule for the meeting of the membership on the 14th, for I would like very much to be able to leave Atlanta that night because of my responsibilities at home and the possibility that my parents will be here enroute from Florida to Indiana.

I have just read your letter with the By-Laws which has clarified some of the things I asked, and I note that the membership meeting on the 14th starts at 10 A.M.

Sincerely
Elizabeth T. Adler
Mrs. Milton P. Adler

NEW ORLEANS COMMITTEE ON RACE RELATIONS

AFFILIATED WITH THE SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL

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MR. A. P. TUREAUD
MR. ERNEST J. WRIGHT

YOU WILL WANT TO HEAR....

MISS DOROTHY HEIGHT

MEMBER OF THE LEADERSHIP SERVICES STAFF OF THE YWCA NATIONAL BOARD, WHO HAS JUST RETURNED FROM FOUR MONTHS IN INDIA WHERE SHE SERVED AS VISITING PROFESSOR AT THE DELHI SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK. SHE WILL DISCUSS SOME OF HER EXPERIENCES IN INDIA AND OUR RESPONSIBILITY TO OUR COMMUNITY IN THE FIELD OF RACE RELATIONS. IN ADDITION TO BEING AN ABLE SPEAKER, MISS HEIGHT IS THE AUTHOR OF A NUMBER OF BOOKS ON RACE RELATIONS; IS NATIONAL PRESIDENT OF THE DELTA SIGMA THETA SORORITY; AND HAS BEEN RECENTLY REAPPOINTED BY DEFENSE SECRETARY CHARLES E. WILSON TO THE DEFENSE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON WOMEN IN THE ARMED SERVICES.

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WHEN TUESDAY, APRIL 21, 1953

WHERE RABOUIN SCHOOL AUDITORIUM

TIME 8:00 P.M.

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC.
ATLANTA, GEORGIA
STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS
OPERATING FUND

RECEIPTS

Bank Balance, January 1, 1952			$ 240.61
Church Sources, (Exhibit B)		$ 4060.00	
Labor Organization Sources (Exhibit B)		2600.00	
Foundation Sources (Exhibit B)		13350.00	
Organization Sources (Exhibit B)		1653.26	
Individuals (Exhibit B)		6987.97	
Members Dues		3720.00	
Sale of Misc. Literature		1725.93	
New South Subscriptions		470.00	
Honoraria		350.76	
Sale of Office Equipment		18.00	
State Divisions:			
Alabama	$ 215.00		
Arkansas	61.50		
Florida	180.50		
Kentucky	89.50		
Louisiana	42.00		
Mississippi	124.00		
New Orleans Committee	72.50		
North Carolina	155.00		
South Carolina	260.00	1220.00	
Transfers:			
National Sharecroppers Fund	11.22	11.22	
Loans:			
Citizens Trust Co.	495.00		
Tennessee Division Funds	190.00	685.00	36852.14
			$37092.75

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC.
ATLANTA, GEORGIA
STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS
OPERATING FUND
January 1, 1952 to December 31, 1952

DISBURSEMENTS

Salaries Paid		$ 22641.62	
Travel		1724.77	
Printing		691.68	
Rent		1460.00	
Telephone & Telegraph		717.67	
Postage		405.91	
Books & Magazine Subscriptions		83.17	
Accounting Fees		75.00	
Insurance		9.00	
Office Supplies		625.75	
Expense of Meetings		24.90	
Interest Expense		125.00	
OAB Taxes		266.04	
Special Services		246.35	
Exchange		12.25	
Georgia Sales Tax		14.34	
Miscellaneous		16.00	
1951 Accounts Payable		1184.77	
Note Payable - Thomas F. Byrd		3950.00	
Withholding Taxes 1951		220.40	
State Divisions:			
Alabama	$ 179.50		
Arkansas	50.00		
Florida	167.50		
Kentucky	68.50		
Louisiana	37.50		
Mississippi	116.50		
New Orleans Committee	96.00		
North Carolina	107.50		
South Carolina	243.50	1066.50	
Transfer to Fellowship of the Concerned		300.00	
Total Disbursements			$35861.12

Recapitulation:

Total Receipts	$ 37092.75
Total Disbursements	35861.12
	$ 1231.63

Represented by:
Deposit in First National Bank $1231.63

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC.
ATLANTA, GEORGIA
STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS
SPECIAL PROJECTS

January 1, 1952 to December 31, 1952

FELLOWSHIP OF THE CONCERNED

Receipts

Balance,, January 1, 1952		$ 423.96
Transfer from General Budget	$ 300.00	
Miscellaneous Gifts	10.00	310.00
		$ 733.96

Disbursements

Salaries	143.00	
Travel	167.71	
Postage & Supplies	116.97	
		427.68
Balance, December 31, 1952		$ 306.28

SCHEDULE 3

NEW SOUTH APPROPRIATION

Receipts

Balance, January 1, 1952		$ 262.98
The Field Foundation, Inc.	$ 2500.00	
Sale of Race & Law Enforcement	160.00	2660.00
		2922.98

Disbursements

Stein Printing Co.	$1996.96	
Postage	325.00	
Salary, Director of Information	100.00	
Miscellaneous	.50	
		2422.46
Balance, December 31,1952		$ 500.52

SCHEDULE 4

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC.
ATLANTA, GEORGIA
STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS
SPECIAL PROJECTS
January 1, 1952 to December 31, 1952

NATIONAL SHARECROPPERS FUND

Receipts	
Balance, January 1, 1952	$ 11.22
Disbursements	
Transferred to Operating Fund	11.22
	$ 00.00

SCHEDULE 5

NCCJ TRAVEL PROJECT

Receipts		
Balance, January 1, 1952		$ 421.72
Disbursements		
Travel Expense	$ 408.22	
Bank charges	.12	
		408.34
Balance, December 31, 1952		$ 13.38

SCHEDULE 6

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC.
ATLANTA, GEORGIA
STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS
SPECIAL PROJECTS

January 1, 1952 to December 31, 1952

COMMISSION ON EQUAL PENALTIES

Receipts

Balance, January 1, 1952		$ 1000.00
Mr. Louis Aronstam	$ 25.00	
Mr. Morton Weiss	50.00	
Mr. Louis Regenstein, Jr.	50.00	
Mr. Armand May	50.00	
Mr. Frank Garson	25.00	
Dr. H. V. Richardson	50.00	
Interest on Savings	11.59	261.59
Balance, December 31, 1952		$ 1261.59

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL

Finance report - Jan. 1 - April 30, 1953

RECEIPTS

Contributions from Individuals	$ 1,235.50
Contributions from Organizations	1,141.10
(United Steelworkers - USA $1,000.)	
(Emory Univ. Brotherhood Chest - $141.10)	
Contributions from Churches	1,875.00
(Methodist - Div. of Home Missions - $250.)	
(" - Board of Education - $250.)	
(" - Ky. Conf. Womans Society of Christian Service - $25.)	
Contributions from Foundations	22,050.00
(Ford Foundation - $20,000.)	
(Sidney Hillman Fund - $1,500.)	
(Marion R. Ascoli Fund - $300.)	
(Lucius & Eva Eastman Fund - $250.)	
Members Dues	1,586.00
New South Subscriptions	230.25
Sale of literature	263.61
Honoraria	60.00
Total Receipts	$ 28,441.46

DISBURSEMENTS

Salaries	$ 9,899.84
Social Security (cost to Council)	112.49
Travel	704.48
Rent	420.00
Office Supplies	259.67
Postage	211.88
Printing	383.40
Telephone & Telegraph	270.07
Insurance	40.24
Books & subscriptions	89.32
Georgia Sales tax	4.21
Expense of meetings	16.19
Bank exchange charges	2.70
Special services	28.91
Audit Fee	75.00
Paid to State Divisions	668.50
Paid on 1952 Accounts	1,926.09
Paid in full - 1952 loan from Citizens Trust Co.	500.00
Paid in full - 1952 loan from funds held for Tenn. Division	190.00
Total Disbursements	$ 15,802.99

Recapitulation:

Balance, Jan. 1, 1953	894.36
Receipts	28,441.46
	29,335.82
Disbursements	15,802.99
Bal. May 1, 1953	$ 13,532.83

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL

Report of Special Projects - Jan. 1 - April 30, 1953

FELLOWSHIP OF THE CONCERNED

Balance on hand, Jan. 1, 1953		$ 306.28
Receipts:		
John Hay Whitney Foundation		1,500.00
		1,806.28
Disbursements:		
Salary, Mrs. Tilly	$ 100.00	
Travel, Mrs. Tilly	58.75	
Steno Services	30.00	
Bank charge	.53	189.28
Balance on hand, May 1, 1953		$ 1,617.00

NEW SOUTH APPROPRIATION

Balance on hand, Jan. 1, 1953		$ 500.52
Receipts:		
The Field Foundation		2,500.00
		3,000.52
Disbursements:		
Printing	352.71	
Postage	130.00	
Bank charge	.09	
		482.80
Balance on hand, May 1, 1953		$ 2,517.72

COMMISSION ON EQUAL PENALTIES

Balance on hand, Jan. 1, 1953		$ 1,261.59
Receipts:		
Interest earned	$ 6.25	
John Rust Foundation (May 1st)	1,000.00	1,006.25
Balance on hand, May 1, 1953		$ 2,267.84

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL

Proposed budget for period May 1 through December 31, 1953

Salaries	$ 19,999.84
Social Security	200.00
Special salaries	700.00
Rent	840.00
Travel	2,000.00
Office supplies	700.00
Postage	400.00
Telephone & telegraph	700.00
Books & subscriptions	60.00
Georgia sales tax	8.00
Bank exchange	4.00
State School volunteers (expenses)	1,800.00
Printing	400.00
Board and Membership meet.	1,000.00
Miscellaneous	100.00
	$ 28,911.84

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515 HEALEY BUILDING
ATLANTA 3, GA.

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ROBERT G. YOUNG

May 1, 1953

RECEIVED
MAY 4
Southern Regional Council

Mr. George S. Mitchell
Executive Director
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear George:

I have yours of April 30th and will try to be at the meeting on May 14th. However, it is extremely difficult for me to make any plans for week days. I am so much at the mercy of courts and clients who simply don't understand such mattersas private commitments. From past experience I have learned that I must simply make engagements subject to this kind of an understanding, except on the week-ends and in the evenings, or for very short periods of time during the day.

Sincerely,

Morris

Morris B. Abram

A/c

April 30, 1953

Mr. Morris B. Abram
Healey Bldg.
Atlanta, Ga.

Dear Morris:

Leonard Haas tells me that by reason of a trip he is taking it won't be possible for him to be present at any of the membership meeting Thursday, May 14. He will be at all or part of the Board meeting Wednesday, May 13. He hoped you could plan quite definitely to be around for the membership meeting on the 14th, he (and I) trusting your law.

There will be some matters of by-laws to take up. Nothing serious, but people will want the comfort of a legal presence.

Hopefully,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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W. P. MARSHALL, PRESIDENT

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DR GEORGE S MITCHELL, DLR BOARD ROOM ATLANTA UNIVERSITY=

223 CHESTNUT ST SOUTH WEST ATLA=

ALL SUCCESS TO BOARD AND MEMBERSHIP MEETING REGRET NOT BEING WITH YOU. COULD NOT MAKE IT DOWN FROM HERE ON MY OWN MOMENTUM AND HAVE TOO MUCH RESPECT FOR THE COUNCILS BUDGET TO COME OTHERWISE REGARDS=

JOSEPHINE WILKINS=..

THE COMPANY WILL APPRECIATE SUGGESTIONS FROM ITS PATRONS CONCERNING ITS SERVICE

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL

Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting

May 13, 1953

A meeting of the Board of Directors of the Southern Regional Council was held at Atlanta University, Harkness Hall, 223 Chestnut Street, S.W., Atlanta, Georgia, at 10:00 a.m., Wednesday, May 13, 1953. President Marion A. Wright presided. Rabbi Charles Mantinband gave the invocation.

The following members were present:

Marion A. Wright
Florence Sytz
Mrs. Alice N. Spearman
Mrs. James S. Crate
John Long
O. D. Duncan
Rabbi Charles Mantinband
A. T. Butler
Guy B. Johnson
Leonard Haas
Gordon B. Hancock
Benjamin E. Mays
C. H. Parrish
James M. Dabbs
Glenn Rainey
A. W. Dent
F. D. Patterson
Forrester B. Washington
Rev. W. Carroll Brooke
Mrs. Milton P. Adler (with proxy for Rev. L. J. Twomey)
Mrs. W. C. White (with proxy for Davisson Dunlap)
Mrs. Charles Robeson (with proxy for Mrs. E. U. Robinson)
Rufus E. Clement
Paul D. Williams
Paul R. Christopher
Herbert M. Davidson

The following staff members were present:

George S. Mitchell
Harold C. Fleming
Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Katherine Stoney
Emily Calhoun

The following visitors were present:

Mrs. Herbert M. Davidson
Mrs. W. H. Hogue
Gadsden Shand
Rebecca Reid
Mrs. R. L. Turman

Katherine Stoney gave a summary of the minutes of the last Board meeting, held December 12, 1951. On motion, it was voted to approve the summary as read.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Mr. Haas read the attached report from the Executive Committee to the Board of Directors. The report was accepted as read.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Dr. Mitchell reviewed the principal topics covered by New South since the last meeting of the Board and described particular issues which had had unusually wide effectiveness. He mentioned also the work of the Council in getting up material for a wide variety of articles, speeches, and some books

done by other persons on Southern matters, and touched upon the speech-making activities of members of the Council's own staff.

He reviewed the principal sources of funds in the intervening period since the Board had met and listed the programs proposed to be followed in the event that the Council is enabled to put paid personnel into each of the Southern States. These items included a follow-through on Race in the News, with the many newspapers not yet influenced by the new doctrines; the development of one or two home town self-surveys in each State each year; widening the franchise; extending economic opportunity; exploring the possibilities of getting human relations taught in the schools; and working for full compliance with whatever may be the decision of the Supreme Court in the school cases.

He reported that for the Commission on Equal Penalties, well over $2,000 was already in hand and it was hoped that the remaining pledge of a thousand dollars could be matched in a short time and this project launched. He described in detail the status of the request to the Fund for the Republic for a major grant.

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY-TREASURER

Katherine Stoney distributed the attached financial report, showing the financial condition of the Council for 1952 and the first four months of 1953. It was pointed out that during the first four months of 1953 the Council was able to pay all debts for 1952 and all 1953 debts up to May 1, and have $13,532 in the general budget. She called the attention of Board members to various grants received for special projects--the Fellowship of the Concerned, the Commission on Equal Penalties, and New South.

The following budget was presented for the remainder of 1953:

Proposed Budget for Period May 1 through December 31, 1953

Salaries	$ 19,999.84
Social Security	200.00
Special salaries	700.00
Rent	840.00
Travel	2,000.00
Office supplies	700.00
Postage	400.00
Telephone & telegraph	700.00
Books & subscriptions	60.00
Georgia sales tax	8.00
Bank exchange	4.00
State school volunteers (expenses)	1,800.00
Printing	400.00
Board & membership meeting	1,000.00
Miscellaneous	100.00
	$ 28,911.84

MEMBERSHIP & FUND-RAISING

In discussion, various members urged that more attention be given to increasing the Council's membership, which Miss Stoney had listed as 1,810 paid full members and 240 paid associate members. Suggestions included the use of advertisements in church publications, a campaign by present members and Board members, and guest subscriptions to New South by present members to their friends.

The executive director thought that the most effective way to build membership would be to have paid personnel in each State. He spoke of the difficulty of reaching from a single office in Atlanta to remote States and attempting to enlist real cooperation in a program which needed to be described personally in order to be fully understood. It was true, he said, in the days when the Council had been able to afford a membership secretary and had circularized long lists of people, that it had been possible to keep the curve of membership going up, but this had always been an expensive operation, and he doubted whether resumption of it would return the cost involved. Mitchell said also that in his view, the key to our membership problem was that we didn't offer enough action programs to people out in the States.

Mr. Haas urged that a larger share of the money-raising job be taken from the executive director and put into the hands of a finance committee.

Mrs. Spearman felt that the Council could do more to assist citizens and voluntary groups in the various States in obtaining material, discussion outlines, and speakers for the various programs being conducted locally along the general line of the Council's work.

Dr. Patterson suggested that each Board member should bring in from three to five new members during the coming few months. Others suggested that the work of the finance committee might be combined with membership recruitment.

On Mrs. Spearman's point, Dr. Mitchell's view was that the Council had been serving a useful purpose as a central organization, but that the time had come now to decentralize to vigorous State action.

Mrs. White pointed out that the serving of dues notices from the Atlanta office was, in her experience, less successful than the doing of this work by people within each State. Staff persons commented that nothing in the procedures of the Council required the collection of dues centrally, and that if any State organization felt strong enough to keep the records and bill and collect itself, the Atlanta office would be very glad to turn over the record keeping and the whole matter of dues. It had, over the years, simply fallen to the Atlanta office for lack of paid personnel in each of the States to deal with the tedious routines involved.

On motion by Mr. Williams, the president was authorized to appoint a finance committee of five or more members, at his discretion.

On motion by Dr. Clement, it was voted that a recommendation be made to the finance committee that it work out a program for getting each member to obtain from three to five new members within sixty days.

Various Board members raised the question of whether the Council's own membership figure could not justifiably be increased to take into account the approximately 1,600 members of the Georgia Interracial Committee (affiliated) and the several hundred additional members of the Texas Commission on Race Relations (affiliated) and the Department of Christian Social Relations of the Virginia Council of Churches (unaffiliated).

Dr. Dent and others suggested that success by the Council in obtaining large additional grants would inevitably be related to the size and influence of our membership. Dr. Dent instanced the success of the New Orleans Committee on Race Relations in increasing its membership by a purely local campaign.

Dr. Duncan suggested that the Council's name suggested too little and that we needed a name which would inform people accurately as to the Council's purpose.

Miss Sytz said she thought that we ought to be sure that we built up a strong organization, without simply breaking down into unrelated State groups. She wanted the program to remain uniform.

ATTACK ON SRC BY METHODIST EDITOR

Mr. Fleming distributed copies of the April 1953 issue of the publication One Methodist Voice, containing a libelous attack on Dr. Mitchell and several of the Board members. The publication had evidently lifted miscellaneous items from the files of the House Committee on Un-American Activities and other similar sources and had brought a most biased and partial charge that various Board and staff members, past and present, had been affiliated with organizations believed to have been tainted by Communist influences. Further analysis of the publication had still to be made. Mr. Fleming told what was readily available to the staff as to the history of the attacking editor. For the moment, he said, the matter was a denominational question within the North Georgia Conference of the Methodist Church, and the Council was in hopes that the Conference would itself, at the proper time, take corrective notice of the charges. Steps taken by the Executive Director and general counsel toward exploring the implications of the attack in the law of libel and in postal regulations were reviewed.

Mr. Wright warned against distributing copies of the libelous publication. He said that the Council had considered going into print to defend itself, but had decided that, for the time being, in view of the limited circulation of the publication, we would merely add prestige to the attacker by going into print. Mr. Wright made it clear that if any individual who had been libeled felt that this was not the right course to take, he was free to act otherwise. The Council itself had approached the postal inspector and the Methodist officials to get them to take official action.

On motion by Mr. Davidson, it was voted that discussion of the matter of the attack would be kept within the confines of the Board.

Miss Sytz requested and obtained permission of the group to use her copy of the sheet in apprising her university officials of the libel against her.

Dr. Washington thought that if, at a later stage, a statement were to be forthcoming, it should carefully answer the many inaccuracies set out.

It was agreed, upon Mr. Wright's suggestion, that officially the Board would give the attack no publicity, and that individual members of the Board would not give it publicity, but might make such private use of it as they felt might be necessary to protect their reputations.

Dr. Patterson said that in the event that the Council does prepare a statement, the individuals attacked should give any information they wanted to be included in the statement, and it was agreed by Mr. Fleming that any such statement would be prepared with the advice of the persons libeled.

The meeting then adjourned at 12:20 p.m. for lunch.

After the luncheon interval, it was agreed that a statement in re the attack should be made in the report of the Board to the membership.

Miss Sytz suggested that it might be better to let people know more about the attack: "We might be crucified for trying to suppress this attack against us."

Mr. Fleming said that it should be made clear that any individual member who was troubled about the attack was free to inquire about it of the staff. What was proposed was to avoid public display and circulation.

BUDGET FOR 1953

In discussion of the budget, as read by Miss Stoney, Mr. Davidson moved that an extra item of a thousand dollars be included, to be spent at the discretion of the executive director, in providing expenses of individuals circulating in various States to secure additional memberships. Others suggested that this might be made the responsibility of the finance committee or that the volunteers who would be at work on matters of schools should be provided with extra expense money to enable them to take on the recruitment task also.

Mr. Davidson's motion was passed, and the budget, with the addition of that item, was adopted.

REVISION OF BY-LAWS

The executive director reviewed the history of the proposal to adopt completely new by-laws in the event that the Council obtained large additional sums, and stated that the several drafts had been scrutinized carefully by members of the Executive Committee and the present final draft had been mailed out to all Board members previous to the meeting. On motion, it was voted to urge the adoption of by-laws at the membership meeting the next day.

ANNUAL MEETING

Dr. Mitchell pointed out that the powers granted the Executive Committee under the by-laws were exceeded in postponing the 1952 annual meetings until

May 1953. He hoped that the membership meeting would sanction the postponement. He also raised the question of whether this meeting should serve as the 1953 annual meeting, thus removing the need for a meeting in November of this year. On motion, it was voted to recommend to the membership that the postponement of the 1952 annual meeting be approved and that the present meeting serve as the 1953 annual meeting, the next meeting to occur in 1954.

CO-ORDINATION OF STATE ACTIVITIES

Rabbi Mantinband urged that we arrange more coordination in the programs of the various States, particularly on the up-coming work of the school volunteers. Dr. Mitchell agreed, and suggested that the school volunteers would have a pioneer task in which they could get little help from outside bodies, and they would therefore have the greater need for comparing notes on their own achievements. Mr. Williams suggested that when each State has a Division meeting they mimeograph enough minutes to send out to other Divisions, and the executive director agreed that this could be done with such minutes as the State Divisions may send in to the Council's office in Atlanta.

Mrs. White told of plans for calling together key people from each county in Florida to discuss and report on the school situation.

AWARD TO DR. MITCHELL BY CATHOLIC COMMITTEE OF THE SOUTH

Mr. Williams told of the award given Dr. Mitchell by the Catholic Committee of the South at its convention in Richmond April 24. He mentioned previous recipients of the award and described the care and consideration by the Committee in making its choices. On motion by Mr. Haas, it was voted that the Board express its pleasure and pride that the executive director had been so honored.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Katherine Stoney
Secretary-Treasurer

May 13, 1953

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL

The Executive Committee has had unusually heavy responsibilities and has held them for an unprecedentedly long time. The by-laws of the Council require an annual meeting of the membership and of the Board of Directors, as you know. At our instance, this is the first such annual meeting since December 1951. True, the by-laws grant to the Executive Committee some months of leeway in fixing the date of each year's meeting. But on our own initiative, we have exceeded that leeway in postponing this meeting until today.

It will be recalled that the December 1951 membership meeting, in reviewing budgetary figures for 1952, did not adopt them as a budget but authorized the Council to be continued from month to month, within the discretion of the Executive Committee. The uncertainty of finances as 1952 drew toward a close led us to put off summoning the Board and the membership, in the hope that it would be possible to consult you at a time when the finances of the Council would be on a stable basis and long-range planning could be undertaken. In part, those conditions are now fulfilled, and we happily at this time turn the conduct of the Council's program back into your hands.

The Executive Committee has met five times since the last meeting of the Board of Directors. The dates were: March 7, May 30, September 27, and December 20 in 1952, and March 21 in 1953.

Program

We have been closely in touch with the staff in a general educational program of the Council. It has been possible to keep New South coming out, and we think there will be agreement that its topics have been well chosen and that its clientele and interest as an organ leading the formation of public opinion in the South have increased steadily. Staff members of the Council have been in demand as speakers for scores of organizations scattered over the South, ranging from business men's luncheon clubs to church bodies, teachers' meetings, and workers' education study groups.

Pamphleteering has suffered from lack of funds, but we saw into the press Race and Law Enforcement, which came out in February of last year. Within a few month, 15,000 copies of this booklet had been distributed to law enforcement officers and interested voluntary agencies throughout the Southern States, and in no less than 143 separate counties, local committees of church women, stimulated by Mrs. Tilly and the Fellowship of the Concerned, have made visits to their sheriffs, booklet in hand, and discussed with him the new levels of police administration described in the pamphlet.

The Council has played a significant part in the three general gatherings of representatives of agencies in the South concerned with human relations, and has done no small part of the research and writing involved in the documents coming out of these meetings, relating successively to blighted housing and bomb violence, the use of racial and religious prejudice in political campaigns, and the issue of segregation in the public schools. These three meetings seem clearly to have established the habit of voluntary cooperation by ten or a dozen leading agencies in this field in the South on matters of program.

We have agreed that in the current year the problem of the schools and the issue of segregation will be paramount in the Council's work, and have made such arrangements as funds seemed to permit for an active effort by the Council to obtain allegiance on the part of the South as a whole to whatever may be the pronouncement of the Supreme Court and to the most rapid possible progress toward a school system defensible in the light of national and world opinion.

Organization

We have reviewed a draft of proposed new by-laws for the Council, worked out in pursuance of the resolution adopted at the December 1951 annual membership meeting, and the new draft will be available to you and to the membership for discussion. We are agreed that the new by-laws represent a desirable form of organization for the Council if and when quite substantial additional funds become available to it. It is not our thought that the new by-laws should at this time be adopted in toto.

We selected two nominating committees, one from the membership to choose nominations for the new Board of Directors and one from your Board to make nominations for officers of the Council for this year.

We record with regret the removal from the region of one of our most valued members, Rev. V. J. O'Connell, who is now a resident of St. Paul, Minnesota.

The increase in prices necessitated consideration of rises in staff salaries. A committee from the Executive Committee, composed of John Griffin, Mrs. Cassandra M. Birnie, and Leonard Haas, reviewed the salary structure of the staff in detail and recommended substantial increases, with a salary range for each job from minimum to maximum. On our approval, the minimum figures in the new salary range were adopted and made payable as of January 1 of this year. We are happy to report to you that the salary levels are therefore now at figures which merit comparison with those of other organizations of this general type.

The Council complied fully with all requests for information from the so-called "Cox Committee," which late last year investigated tax-exempt foundations and agencies assisted by their funds. The information request was in laborious detail. We have heard no criticism of the Council resulting from the investigation of tax-exempt agencies in general.

Funds

By the hardest efforts, the Council came through the year 1952 with an excess of income over expenditures. The audit figures reveal for the operating fund (all the Council's work other than special small projects) a total income for 1952 of $34,635.92 and a total expense of $31,378.53, being an excess of income over expense of $3,247.39. This result was achieved notwithstanding the payment during 1952 of the entirety of the debt we owed to Mr. Thomas F. Byrd.

The various projects of the Council had at the close of the year on hand in their accounts the following amounts:

Fellowship of the Concerned	$ 306.28
New South Appropriation	500.52
NCCJ Grant for Travel	13.38
Commission on Equal Penalties	1,261.59
TOTAL	$2,081.77

The audit for 1952, while disclosing balanced books for that year, necessarily recalled that we had entered the year with a deficit of nearly $6,800 for 1951, and we carried over January 1, 1953, accounts payable amounting to nearly $1,900.

General receipts thus far in 1953 in dues, small contributions, subscriptions to New South, and customary organizational grants have held up to previous years. In addition, the Ford Foundation in March 1953 made a grant directly to the Council of $20,000 "to sustain and expand" our program for the current year. This generous emergency grant was made, so far as we learn, without prejudice to the Council's major and longstanding application now before the Fund for the Republic, and we continue to be hopeful that when the Fund for the Republic is fully organized, it will look with favor upon the major request.

Various members of this Committee and many of you on the Board have been helpful to the Council during the last year and a quarter in turning up additional sources of income, and our thanks are given to you all. It should be pointed out, however, that we have reason to believe that whatever major contribution may be made later on to the Council will bear some relationship to the sources of income found during the remainder of this year, and we urge upon the Board as its principal order of business plans for large additional revenue to the Council.

In our correspondence and work with the Council we have all been impressed by the usefulness of the body at this particular juncture in Southern life, and we hope that you can make plans which will insure the much greater development of its activities, particularly in each State and in local communities.

Respectfully submitted,

Charles S. Johnson
Chairman

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC.
ATLANTA, GEORGIA
STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS
OPERATING FUND

RECEIPTS

Bank Balance, January 1, 1952			$ 240.61
Church Sources, (Exhibit B)		$ 4060.00	
Labor Organization Sources (Exhibit B)		2600.00	
Foundation Sources (Exhibit B)		13350.00	
Organization Sources (Exhibit B)		1653.26	
Individuals (Exhibit B)		6987.97	
Members Dues		3720.00	
Sale of Misc. Literature		1725.93	
New South Subscriptions		470.00	
Honoraria		350.76	
Sale of Office Equipment		18.00	
State Divisions:			
Alabama	$ 215.00		
Arkansas	61.50		
Florida	180.50		
Kentucky	89.50		
Louisiana	42.00		
Mississippi	124.00		
New Orleans Committee	72.50		
North Carolina	155.00		
South Carolina	260.00	1220.00	
Transfers:			
National Sharecroppers Fund	11.22	11.22	
Loans:			
Citizens Trust Co.	495.00		
Tennessee Division Funds	190.00	685.00	36852.14
			$37092.75

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC.
ATLANTA, GEORGIA
STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS
OPERATING FUND
January 1, 1952 to December 31, 1952

DISBURSEMENTS

Salaries Paid		$ 22641.62	
Travel		1724.77	
Printing		691.68	
Rent		1460.00	
Telephone & Telegraph		717.67	
Postage		405.91	
Books & Magazine Subscriptions		83.17	
Accounting Fees		75.00	
Insurance		9.00	
Office Supplies		625.75	
Expense of Meetings		24.90	
Interest Expense		125.00	
OAB Taxes		266.04	
Special Services		246.35	
Exchange		12.25	
Georgia Sales Tax		14.34	
Miscellaneous		16.00	
1951 Accounts Payable		1184.77	
Note Payable - Thomas F. Byrd		3950.00	
Withholding Taxes 1951		220.40	
State Divisions:			
Alabama	$ 179.50		
Arkansas	50.00		
Florida	167.50		
Kentucky	68.50		
Louisiana	37.50		
Mississippi	116.50		
New Orleans Committee	96.00		
North Carolina	107.50		
South Carolina	243.50	1066.50	
Transfer to Fellowship of the Concerned		300.00	
Total Disbursements			$35861.12

Recapitulation:

Total Receipts	$ 37092.75
Total Disbursements	35861.12
	$ 1231.63

Represented by:
Deposit in First National Bank $1231.63

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC.
ATLANTA, GEORGIA
STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS
SPECIAL PROJECTS

January 1, 1952 to December 31, 1952

FELLOWSHIP OF THE CONCERNED

Receipts

Balance,, January 1, 1952		$ 423.96
Transfer from General Budget	$ 300.00	
Miscellaneous Gifts	10.00	310.00
		$ 733.96

Disbursements

Salaries	143.00	
Travel	167.71	
Postage & Supplies	116.97	
		427.68
Balance, December 31, 1952		$ 306.28

SCHEDULE 3

NEW SOUTH APPROPRIATION

Receipts

Balance, January 1, 1952		$ 262.98
The Field Foundation, Inc.	$ 2500.00	
Sale of Race & Law Enforcement	160.00	2660.00
		2922.98

Disbursements

Stein Printing Co.	$1996.96	
Postage	325.00	
Salary, Director of Information	100.00	
Miscellaneous	.50	
		2422.46
Balance, December 31,1952		$ 500.52

SCHEDULE 4

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC.
ATLANTA, GEORGIA
STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS
SPECIAL PROJECTS
January 1, 1952 to December 31, 1952

NATIONAL SHARECROPPERS FUND

Receipts	
Balance, January 1, 1952	$ 11.22
Disbursements	
Transferred to Operating Fund	11.22
	$ 00.00

SCHEDULE 5

NCCJ TRAVEL PROJECT

Receipts		
Balance, January 1, 1952		$ 421.72
Disbursements		
Travel Expense	$ 408.22	
Bank charges	.12	
		408.34
Balance, December 31, 1952		$ 13.38

SCHEDULE 6

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC.
ATLANTA, GEORGIA
STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS
SPECIAL PROJECTS

January 1, 1952 to December 31, 1952

COMMISSION ON EQUAL PENALTIES

Receipts

Balance, January 1, 1952		$ 1000.00
Mr. Louis Aronstam	$ 25.00	
Mr. Morton Weiss	50.00	
Mr. Louis Regenstein, Jr.	50.00	
Mr. Armand May	50.00	
Mr. Frank Garson	25.00	
Dr. H. V. Richardson	50.00	
Interest on Savings	11.59	261.59
Balance, December 31, 1952		$ 1261.59

SCHEDULE 7

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL

Finance report - Jan. 1 - April 30, 1953

RECEIPTS

Contributions from Individuals	$ 1,235.50
Contributions from Organizations	1,141.10
(United Steelworkers - USA $1,000.)	
(Emory Univ. Brotherhood Chest - $141.10)	
Contributions from Churches	1,875.00
(Methodist - Div. of Home Missions - $250.)	
(" - Board of Education - $250.)	
(" - Ky. Conf. Womans Society of Christian Service - $25.)	
Contributions from Foundations	22,050.00
(Ford Foundation - $20,000.)	
(Sidney Hillman Fund - $1,500.)	
(Marion R. Ascoli Fund - $300.)	
(Lucius & Eva Eastman Fund - $250.)	
Members Dues	1,586.00
New South Subscriptions	230.25
Sale of literature	263.61
Honoraria	60.00
Total Receipts	$ 28,441.46

DISBURSEMENTS

Salaries	$ 9,899.84	
Social Security (cost to Council)	112.49	
Travel	704.48	
Rent	420.00	
Office Supplies	259.67	
Postage	211.88	
Printing	383.40	
Telephone & Telegraph	270.07	
Insurance	40.24	
Books & subscriptions	89.32	
Georgia Sales tax	4.21	
Expense of meetings	16.19	
Bank exchange charges	2.70	
Special services	28.91	
Audit Fee	75.00	
Paid to State Divisions	668.50	
Paid on 1952 Accounts	1,926.09	
Paid in full - 1952 loan from Citizens Trust Co.	500.00	
Paid in full - 1952 loan from funds held for Tenn. Division	190.00	
Total Disbursements		$ 15,802.99

Recapitulation:

Balance, Jan. 1, 1953	894.36
Receipts	28,441.46
	29,335.82
Disbursements	15,802.99
Bal. May 1, 1953	$ 13,532.83

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL

Report of Special Projects - Jan. 1 - April 30, 1953

FELLOWSHIP OF THE CONCERNED

Balance on hand, Jan. 1, 1953		$ 306.28
Receipts:		
John Hay Whitney Foundation		1,500.00
		1,806.28
Disbursements:		
Salary, Mrs. Tilly	$ 100.00	
Travel, Mrs. Tilly	58.75	
Steno Services	30.00	
Bank charge	.53	189.28
Balance on hand, May 1, 1953		$ 1,617.00

NEW SOUTH APPROPRIATION

Balance on hand, Jan. 1, 1953		$ 500.52
Receipts:		
The Field Foundation		2,500.00
		3,000.52
Disbursements:		
Printing	352.71	
Postage	130.00	
Bank charge	.09	
		482.80
Balance on hand, May 1, 1953		$ 2,517.72

COMMISSION ON EQUAL PENALTIES

Balance on hand, Jan. 1, 1953		$ 1,261.59
Receipts:		
Interest earned	$ 6.25	
John Rust Foundation (May 1st)	1,000.00	1,006.25
Balance on hand, May 1, 1953		$ 2,267.84

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL

Proposed budget for period May 1 through December 31, 1953

Salaries	$ 19,999.84
Social Security	200.00
Special salaries	700.00
Rent	840.00
Travel	2,000.00
Office supplies	700.00
Postage	400.00
Telephone & telegraph	700.00
Books & subscriptions	60.00
Georgia sales tax	8.00
Bank exchange	4.00
State School volunteers (expenses)	1,800.00
Printing	400.00
Board and Membership meet.	1,000.00
Miscellaneous	100.00
	$ 28,911.84

May 13, 1953

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL

The Executive Committee has had unusually heavy responsibilities and has held them for an unprecedentedly long time. The by-laws of the Council require an annual meeting of the membership and of the Board of Directors, as you know. At our instance, this is the first such annual meeting since December 1951. True, the by-laws grant to the Executive Committee some months of leeway in fixing the date of each year's meeting. But on our own initiative, we have exceeded that leeway in postponing this meeting until today.

It will be recalled that the December 1951 membership meeting, in reviewing budgetary figures for 1952, did not adopt them as a budget but authorized the Council to be continued from month to month, within the discretion of the Executive Committee. The uncertainty of finances as 1952 drew toward a close led us to put off summoning the Board and the membership, in the hope that it would be possible to consult you at a time when the finances of the Council would be on a stable basis and long-range planning could be undertaken. In part, those conditions are now fulfilled, and we happily at this time turn the conduct of the Council's program back into your hands.

The Executive Committee has met five times since the last meeting of the Board of Directors. The dates were: March 7, May 30, September 27, and December 20 in 1952, and March 21 in 1953.

Program

We have been closely in touch with the staff in a general educational program of the Council. It has been possible to keep New South coming out, and we think there will be agreement that its topics have been well chosen and that its clientele and interest as an organ leading the formation of public opinion in the South have increased steadily. Staff members of the Council have been in demand as speakers for scores of organizations scattered over the South, ranging from business men's luncheon clubs to church bodies, teachers' meetings, and workers' education study groups.

Pamphleteering has suffered from lack of funds, but we saw into the press Race and Law Enforcement, which came out in February of last year. Within a few month, 15,000 copies of this booklet had been distributed to law enforcement officers and interested voluntary agencies throughout the Southern States, and in no less than 143 separate counties, local committees of church women, stimulated by Mrs. Tilly and the Fellowship of the Concerned, have made visits to their sheriffs, booklet in hand, and discussed with him the new levels of police administration described in the pamphlet.

The Council has played a significant part in the three general gatherings of representatives of agencies in the South concerned with human relations, and has done no small part of the research and writing involved in the documents coming out of these meetings, relating successively to blighted housing and bomb violence, the use of racial and religious prejudice in political campaigns, and the issue of segregation in the public schools. These three meetings seem clearly to have established the habit of voluntary cooperation by ten or a dozen leading agencies in this field in the South on matters of program.

We have agreed that in the current year the problem of the schools and the issue of segregation will be paramount in the Council's work, and have made such arrangements as funds seemed to permit for an active effort by the Council to obtain allegiance on the part of the South as a whole to whatever may be the pronouncement of the Supreme Court and to the most rapid possible progress toward a school system defensible in the light of national and world opinion.

Organization

We have reviewed a draft of proposed new by-laws for the Council, worked out in pursuance of the resolution adopted at the December 1951 annual membership meeting, and the new draft will be available to you and to the membership for discussion. We are agreed that the new by-laws represent a desirable form of organization for the Council if and when quite substantial additional funds become available to it. It is not our thought that the new by-laws should at this time be adopted in toto.

We selected two nominating committees, one from the membership to choose nominations for the new Board of Directors and one from your Board to make nominations for officers of the Council for this year.

We record with regret the removal from the region of one of our most valued members, Rev. V. J. O'Connell, who is now a resident of St. Paul, Minnesota.

The increase in prices necessitated consideration of rises in staff salaries. A committee from the Executive Committee, composed of John Griffin, Mrs. Cassandra M. Birnie, and Leonard Haas, reviewed the salary structure of the staff in detail and recommended substantial increases, with a salary range for each job from minimum to maximum. On our approval, the minimum figures in the new salary range were adopted and made payable as of January 1 of this year. We are happy to report to you that the salary levels are therefore now at figures which merit comparison with those of other organizations of this general type.

The Council complied fully with all requests for information from the so-called "Cox Committee," which late last year investigated tax-exempt foundations and agencies assisted by their funds. The information request was in laborious detail. We have heard no criticism of the Council resulting from the investigation of tax-exempt agencies in general.

Funds

By the hardest efforts, the Council came through the year 1952 with an excess of income over expenditures. The audit figures reveal for the operating fund (all the Council's work other than special small projects) a total income for 1952 of $34,635.92 and a total expense of $31,378.53, being an excess of income over expense of $3,247.39. This result was achieved notwithstanding the payment during 1952 of the entirety of the debt we owed to Mr. Thomas F. Byrd.

The various projects of the Council had at the close of the year on hand in their accounts the following amounts:

Fellowship of the Concerned	$ 306.28
New South Appropriation	500.52
NCCJ Grant for Travel	13.38
Commission on Equal Penalties	1,261.59
TOTAL	$2,081.77

The audit for 1952, while disclosing balanced books for that year, necessarily recalled that we had entered the year with a deficit of nearly $6,800 for 1951, and we carried over January 1, 1953, accounts payable amounting to nearly $1,900.

General receipts thus far in 1953 in dues, small contributions, subscriptions to New South, and customary organizational grants have held up to previous years. In addition, the Ford Foundation in March 1953 made a grant directly to the Council of $20,000 "to sustain and expand" our program for the current year. This generous emergency grant was made, so far as we learn, without prejudice to the Council's major and longstanding application now before the Fund for the Republic, and we continue to be hopeful that when the Fund for the Republic is fully organized, it will look with favor upon the major request.

Various members of this Committee and many of you on the Board have been helpful to the Council during the last year and a quarter in turning up additional sources of income, and our thanks are given to you all. It should be pointed out, however, that we have reason to believe that whatever major contribution may be made later on to the Council will bear some relationship to the sources of income found during the remainder of this year, and we urge upon the Board as its principal order of business plans for large additional revenue to the Council.

In our correspondence and work with the Council we have all been impressed by the usefulness of the body at this particular juncture in Southern life, and we hope that you can make plans which will insure the much greater development of its activities, particularly in each State and in local communities.

Respectfully submitted,

Charles S. Johnson
Chairman

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL

Minutes of the Membership Meeting

May 14, 1953

A meeting of the membership of the Southern Regional Council was held at Dean Sage Hall, Atlanta University, Atlanta, Georgia, at 10:05 a.m., Thursday, May 14, 1953. President Marion A. Wright presided. Dr. Gordon B. Hancock gave the invocation. Dean S. M. Nabrit gave the welcoming address to the members on behalf of Atlanta University.

The following members were present:

Marguerite Woodruff
Freeman Drake, Sr.
Rhoda Kaufman
Mrs. William H. Hogue
Mrs. James S. Crate
John Long
Ocie Lee Smith
S. M. Nabrit
M. A. Wright
Paul D. Williams
Forrester B. Washington
Gadsden Shand
George S. Mitchell
Rabbi Charles Mantinband
A. T. Butler
Roscoe Giffen
Paul R. Christopher
Emily Calhoun
Katherine Stoney
Harold C. Fleming
Anna Holden
Mrs. M. E. Tilly
J. M. Dabbs
Mrs. William C. White
David Scull
Mary Jane Willett
Gordon B. Hancock
Herbert M. Davidson
Mrs. Herbert M. Davidson
Howard G. McClain
Anna Greene Smith
Mrs. Alice N. Spearman
Rebecca Reid
W. Carroll Brooks
Mrs. Norma Huff
Mrs. Harold C. Fleming
A. W. Dent
C. H. Parrish
Mrs. M. J. Lyells
Mrs. Edward M. Vinson
W. H. Frey
Mrs. A. A. Hardy
Mrs. Grace T. Hamilton
Mrs. Milton P. Adler
O. D. Duncan
Mrs. George S. Mitchell
Morris R. Abram
M. Mae Neptune
Ruth Stone
Bishop James Clair Taylor
Anne L. Taylor
I. E. Saporta

The following visitors were present:

Paul M. Marshall
Mrs. Jessica Ada Marshall
Rev. G. W. McMurray
Rev. Elias S. Hardege
Rev. A. E. Harris
Irene Osborne
Perry G. McClelland
George Deadwyler
Mrs. Richard Hocking
Dorothy Pitman

Katherine Stoney gave a summary of the minutes of the last annual meeting, held December 13, 1951. On motion, it was voted to approve the minutes as read.

PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS

Mr. Wright, as president of the Council, gave the address printed in the June 1953 issue of New South, Vol. 8, No. 6.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Dr. Mitchell said that the proposal made for an expanded program should be well known to the membership. We would turn our present membership over to active State organizations, each of which would be assisted in obtaining three paid staff members. The Council itself would become a Board of trustees managing the subsidy to the State organizations and coordinating their work and directing a program of research integrated with the action of the State groups. This whole program would cost on the order of $300,000 a year for each year of five years. Some of the things that might well be done by the State organizations would be the following:

1. Persuade newspapers all over the South to do better on writing up Negro news. Most of the big city papers have improved greatly since Race in the News came out, but many of the smaller papers have not.

2. Home town self-surveys. It takes years to get one going. With paid State personnel we could get one or two towns in each State to do surveys each year.

3. Extending the franchise. Work on local boards of registrars to persuade them to remove the barriers to Negro voting.

4. Employment. While the Council would hardly take up a detailed program of assistance to employment by members of minorities, we could be useful in the general economic policy, which would broadly assist this movement.

5. Introduce in Southern schools some kind of teaching of human relations.

6. Schools. For discussion later in this meeting.

7. Commission on Equal Penalties. We have within $160 of getting $4,000 to get the project going.

REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF WOMEN'S WORK

Mrs. Tilly spoke of the advance in race relations which provided a favorable climate for the nomination of Negroes in the recent city primary in Atlanta.

She described the work of the church women visiting the sheriffs in the interest of improved standards on race and law enforcement, exhibiting a map of the Georgia counties in which this had already been done. Mrs. Tilly talked also of the work of the women through the Fellowship of the Concerned in sitting in the Courts as observers. She hoped that in the near future it would

be possible for the Fellowship of the Concerned to assist in extension of the franchise in particular areas of the South in which it remains limited, and she described the interest of the church women and the Fellowship of the Concerned in the issue on school segregation.

REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF INFORMATION

Mr. Fleming described the impact of various of the recent issues of New South and reviewed the Council's assistance to others influential in shaping public opinion in the South.

INTRODUCTION OF PRESIDENT RUFUS CLEMENT

Dr. Clement, victor only that morning in a race for membership on the Atlanta city school board, came into the meeting at this point and discussed some of the events and issues raised in the campaign.

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY-TREASURER

Katherine Stoney distributed the attached financial report, giving the financial condition of the Council for 1952 and for the first four months of 1953. The long-standing deficit, which had been $9,940 at the beginning of 1951, had been reduced to something under $7,000 at the beginning of 1952 and had further come down to something under $4,000 in the beginning of 1953. During the first four months of 1953 our income had been $28,400, including the grant of $20,000 from the Ford Foundation and $700 raised as an emergency measure by the Executive Committee. During 1952 the Executive Committee had authorized raises in staff salaries which took effect January 1, 1953.

Miss Stoney mentioned the still outstanding debt of $1,500 to Dr. Mitchell.

Under special projects, she reported that the Fellowship of the Concerned had lately received from the John Hay Whitney Foundation $1,500 and that the Field Foundation had sent $2,500 to assist publication of New South from May 1953 through May 1954. The Commission on Equal Penalties had a present bank balance of slightly over $2,200.

The Council had had no membership secretary since the summer of 1952, and Miss Stoney had been adding that duty to her other work. Currently paid membership stands at 1,810 within the South and 240 outside the South. Georgia, Louisiana, and South Carolina have the largest membership, in that order.

She noted that New South subscriptions continued to sell at a good rate, particularly to colleges and universities.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS TO THE MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Mr. Fleming presented the attached report from the Board of Directors. On motion, it was voted to accept the report.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HONORED BY CATHOLIC COMMITTEE OF THE SOUTH

President Wright called upon Paul Williams, former president, to describe the award conferred upon the executive director April 24 by the Catholic Committee of the South at its Richmond convention. Mr. Williams reviewed for the Council's membership his remarks as made at the Catholic Committee of the South meeting.

The meeting adjourned for luncheon at 12:20 and reconvened at 1:45.

THE SCHOOLS AND SEGREGATION

What Needs to be Done

The executive director said that the normal American solution to public controversy involving services to minority groups was for the minorities to be fully represented on appropriate deciding boards and agencies. While in spots in the South, happily, a tendency in this direction has begun to appear, a great expansion of such representation was needed in the near future. Unless, contrary to all experience, such representation should be forthcoming on an adequate scale, the next best step would be to arrange informal committees, local and State, fairly representing all interests and directing their attention particularly to school problems.

One of the Council's first concerns, therefore, should be to get going in each Southern State a volunteer school committee, composed of white and Negro teachers, parents, and other concerned individuals. From time to time, as authorized public bodies made proposals or dispositions in school matters, the volunteer committee could propose alternative courses. These State committees could only be truly successful if they had available to them full-time paid staff, and the provision of this staff would be the main use of any additional resources which might become available to the Council.

As, for the moment, adequate funds were not in sight, the Council was proposing merely that within each State our present forces select a volunteer who would rapidly build up as much knowledge as possible of the school situation and begin also to make notes as to a proper group to serve on a future volunteer State School Committee. The Council would be in position for the present to pay the reasonable expenses of these volunteer State school persons. Several of the States had already selected these persons, and they were here at the meeting to report and describe the problems in their schools. We had brought down also Irene Osborne from the Community Relations Program of the American Friends Service Committee in Washington, as that group had already made substantial progress in a citizens' movement for integration of the schools in the District of Columbia and had probably the richest experience of any agency in this direction.

Reports from State School Volunteers

The several volunteers then spoke. Roscoe Giffen of Berea College reviewed the situation in Kentucky. Howard McClain described the South Carolina school situation as it related to segregation. Mrs. Ruby S. Lyells

spoke for Mississippi. In the absence for the moment of the Rev. W. Carroll Brooke of Staunton, Virginia, Dr. Mitchell said that Mr. Brooke was chairman of a committee selected by the Department of Christian Social Relations of the Virginia Council of Churches to take on this responsibility for the time being and until a permanent volunteer person could be chosen in that State. Dr. Mitchell also spoke of the plans of Mrs. William C. White of the Florida Division to have county meetings to discuss problems, county by county, in Florida.

Miss Osborne from the American Friends Service Committee in Washington described in some detail the development in that city and the work of the Community Relations Program in connection with it.

ADOPTION OF AMENDMENT FOR ELECTING BOARD

A proposed amendment to present by-laws had been circulated by mail to all members of the Council and had been reviewed by the Board meeting May 13, which was recommending to the membership meeting today the adoption of the following amendment:

> Article IV, Section 1, of the present by-laws is suspended and a new Board of Directors shall be elected, in accordance with Article II, Section 1, Subsections A, B, and C of the draft by-laws, prepared in pursuance of the resolution directing such draft adopted at the membership meeting December 13, 1951. But the words in Subsection A, "The members of the corporation shall be as follows" shall not apply. In the election May 14, 1953, the Department of Christian Social Relations of the Virginia Council of Churches (unaffiliated) shall have participation as though it were an affiliated State organization.

Mr. Scull raised the question of whether granting the Department of Christian Social Relations of the Virginia Council of Churches full participation, as though it were a State Division, was fair to SRC members in the State who were not members of the Council of Churches. Dr. Mitchell explained that the old Interracial Committee did not become a part of the Southern Regional Council, but was dissolved and was now operating through the Virginia Council of Churches. He regretted the consequent formal exclusion of Council members not attached to the church groups working through the Virginia Council of Churches and hoped that eventually an all-inclusive interracial organization would be formed in Virginia.

Upon motion, the amendment to the present by-laws was adopted.

ADOPTION OF NEW BY-LAWS

Mr. Wright spoke of the long-range plan of the Council for altered by-laws in the event that we had substantial additional resources, and said that the proposed new by-laws about to be read would tighten the organization in the interest of efficiency.

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Dr. Mitchell explained that the draft of new by-laws followed the intent of the resolution adopted by the 1951 annual meeting requesting by-laws of this kind. In effect, they would make of the Council a federation of active State organizations. Members would be members of their State groups, and the Southern Regional Council itself would become a Board empowered to fill its own vacancies, the core of which Board would be elected at this meeting. Other Board members would include the chairman of each State organization and one other person elected by the members of each State organization. It would be the duty of the Council itself to co-ordinate the work of the State organizations, assist them in paying full-time staff personnel, publish a journal, and direct a program of research geared to the needs of the action people to work for the State groups. The Board of Directors had been sent copies of the new by-laws, and the Executive Committee had studied them with some care. The Board at its May 13 meeting had urged that today's membership meeting adopt these new by-laws.

On motion, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

Resolved, that the membership of the Council, in annual meeting assembled, adopt the proposed draft of by-laws as read today, with the proviso that the effective date of the same shall be within the discretion of the Executive Committee, and until such date, the existing by-laws, as today amended with respect to election of the Board of Directors, shall continue in full force and effect.

POSTPONEMENT OF 1952 ANNUAL MEETING

The executive director stated that the by-laws under which the Council had been operating gave only a modest leeway to the Executive Committee in postponing the convening of the annual membership meeting, and by reason of uncertainty of funds, the Executive Committee had exceeded the stated leeway in postponing the 1952 meeting until May 1953. Dr. Mitchell requested the membership meeting to give approval to the action of the Executive Committee in this postponement. Upon motion, the membership expressed concurrence with the action of the Executive Committee.

NEED FOR MONEY AND MEMBERS

Mr. Wright and others present appealed to the State organizations and individual members to put forth real effort in the coming months to increase the Council's membership rolls and its funds. Mr. Wright referred to the fact that the Board of Directors had by resolution urged each member to increase the present membership by at least three, and hopefully five, persons within the next sixty days. The president hoped that all Council members would take part in this effort. Dr. Gordon Hancock reminded the membership of a suggestion made by Board member C. H. Parrish that persons wishing to assist the Council could take out complimentary memberships for their friends.

ELECTION OF BOARD MEMBERS

The amendment to Article IV, Section 1, as adopted, required the election at this meeting of a new Board of Directors. On the appointment of the Executive Committee, a nominating committee composed of Gadsden Shand of Columbia, chairman; Mrs. William H. Hogue of Houston; Louis Regenstein of Atlanta; Ocie Lee Smith of Little Rock; Rev. E. G. Mackay of Oxford, Georgia; and Ernest Neal of Tuskegee Institute had, in some travail, made nominations for this new Board. Mr. Shand then read the following list of nominations:

John A. Griffin, Atlanta
John G. Lewis, Baton Rouge
Morris Abram, Atlanta
R. B. Atwood, Frankfort, Kentucky
Charles S. Johnson, Nashville
Rufus E. Clement, Atlanta
B. E. Mays, Atlanta
O. D. Duncan, Stillwater, Oklahoma
Harry V. Richardson, Atlanta
Rabbi Charles Mantinband, Hattiesburg
Rev. Andrew S. Turnipseed, Montgomery
Mrs. E. H. Spearman, Columbia
Mrs. C. M. Birnie, Atlanta
Clyde Milner, Guilford, N. C.
Paul R. Christopher, Knoxville
E. W. Palmer, Kingsport, Tenn.
Harry Ashmore, Little Rock
Rev. Maurice V. Shean, Rock Hill
Bishop Charles Clingman, Louisville
H. M. Davidson, Daytona Beach
James L. Coker, Hartsville, S. C.
Mrs. G. T. Hamilton, Atlanta
Guy B. Johnson, Chapel Hill
Z. A. Looby, Nashville
L. D. Milton, Atlanta
Bishop Arthur J. Moore, Atlanta
Mrs. J. Fount Tillman, Lewisburg, Tenn.
Will Clayton, Houston
Henry M. Bullock, Nashville
Charles A. Shaw, Houston
Alonzo Moron, Hampton, Va.
E. A. McDowell, Wake Forest, N. C.
C. H. Parrish, Louisville
Bishop E. A. Penick, Raleigh
Mrs. J. N. Rayzor, Houston
Jacob L. Reddix, Jackson
Mrs. E. U. Robinson, Franklin, Tenn.
Morton L. Weiss, Atlanta
Mrs. W. F. Bates, North Little Rock
Mrs. Henry H. Tucker, Little Rock
U. S. Bond, Madison, Ark.
Miss Florence Syts, New Orleans
John McCann, New Orleans
L. E. Thomas, Miami
John H. Wheeler, Durham
E. C. Colwell, Atlanta
Josephine Wilkins, Athens, Ga.
Paul D. Williams, Richmond
Thomas W. Young, Norfolk
J. McDowell Richards, Decatur, Ga.
Rev. Paul Hardin, Jr., Birmingham
A. J. Clement, Charleston
C. G. Gomillion, Tuskegee Institute
John D. Rust, Pine Bluff, Ark.
Ralph Barbare, Rock Hill
J. Edwin Smith, Houston
Mrs. Tommie Stroud, Waco
Tom Friedman, Houston
R. O'Hara Lanier, Houston

It was noted that while this meeting was to fill only fifty places on the Board, the nominating committee had been unable to reduce their list below 59 names. The meeting agreed that the Executive Committee should establish an order of priority for inviting those elected to serve, with a view to producing finally a total of not to exceed fifty Board members, chosen by this meeting. The nominations as above given were approved, and the secretary was instructed to cast a ballot electing them to the Board.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Upon motion, it was voted to consider the meeting of May 14 as the annual meeting for 1953. That had the effect of making the next annual meeting come in November of 1954.

VOTE OF THANKS TO ATLANTA UNIVERSITY

Upon the resolution of Dr. Hancock, the meeting expressed its gratitude to Atlanta University for the facilities which it had most graciously provided for the meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Katherine Stoney
Secretary-Treasurer

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS TO THE MEMBERSHIP MEETING, MAY 14, 1953

The Board is happy to be able to report that the financial condition of the Council is healthier today than at any time in the last few years. We believe this improvement will be reflected in the increased effectiveness of our action and information programs throughout the South. At the same time, however, we wish to urge upon the membership the need for greater and more widespread support of the Council within the Southern region. Our hope for favorable action on our major application to the Ford Foundation's Fund for the Republic is dependent to a large extent on securing substantially larger membership and increased contributions from Southern sources. Toward this end, your Board is establishing a strong Finance Committee and proposes an organized effort to secure additional members throughout the States. Both of these efforts, which will be discussed at greater length today, will require the utmost cooperation of the membership, and we sincerely urge you to assist in them.

We have given careful study and consideration to the proposed new by-laws which will come before you today, with our endorsement. This change, as you will note, is contingent upon the Council's receiving the major grant requested for a five-year program, and if approved by you, will be put into effect by the Executive Committee at the appropriate time.

Your Board must report that in the past week the Council has been the object of a scurrilous published attack. The attempt was made--by falsehoods, half truths, and innuendo--to picture our organization as Communist-tainted. This charge is, of course, utterly false, and your Board has agreed upon courses of action designed to repudiate it. Since the publication in question is grossly defamatory and emanates from an obscure and irresponsible source, we fell that it should not at this time have wider circulation or discussion.

On behalf of the Council, the Board has officially recorded its pride and pleasure in the recent award presented to the Executive Director by the Catholic Committee of the South for significant contribution to the welfare and advancement of the South.

The Board has approved the budget which will be presented to you by the secretary-treasurer and the various projects and programs for which it provides.

Respectfully submitted,

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President

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL

Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting

May 14, 1953

A meeting of the Board of Directors of the Southern Regional Council was held at Dean Sage Hall, Atlanta University, Atlanta, Georgia, at 3:30 p.m., Thursday, May 14, 1953.

The following members were present:

Marion A. Wright	J. M. Dabbs	Gordon B. Hancock
Paul D. Williams	Rabbi Charles Mantinband	John A. Griffin
Paul R. Christopher	Florence Sytz	John Long
Mrs. James S. Crate	Mrs. Milton P. Adler	Herbert M. Davidson
Mrs. Alice N. Spearman		

The following staff members were present: George S. Mitchell, Harold C. Fleming, Emily Calhoun.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Mr. Long read the following nominations submitted by the nominating committee:

President--Marion A. Wright
Vice-Presidents--Gordon B. Hancock, Alfred Mynders, A. W. Dent, Carter Wesley
Counsel--Leonard Haas
Executive Committee--Harry V. Richardson, Mrs. C. M. Birnie, John A.Griffin, Rev. Andrew Turnipseed, Paul R. Christopher, Rev. Maurice V. Shean, Rufus E. Clement

On motion, it was voted to accept the nominations submitted by the nominating committee.

PUBLICITY ON MEETING

Rabbi Mantinband asked if a statement was being prepared for the press as suggested by the Board the preceding day. Mr. Fleming said that he would prepare such a statement.

FUND-RAISING

Mr. Davidson--"If we don't get the hoped-for grant, will there be a meeting of the membership called and the members asked what action to take?" Several persons agreed that this plan should be followed if the grant was not forthcoming.

There followed some discussion of what action should be taken if the Ford Foundation should grant an amount much smaller than the amount asked for. Dr. Mitchell explained that he did not see how less than three paid workers in each State would be effective. "We need to do everything double in this

bi-racial society," he said.

NOTIFYING MEMBERS OF ACTIVITIES AT ANNUAL MEETING

Miss Sytz asked if the president's address would be sent out to all members, and the staff undertook that it would be printed in the next issue of New South.

APPRECIATION TO THE STAFF AND THE PRESIDENT

Dr. Hancock expressed a debt of gratitude to the staff for carrying on during financial crises over a period of years. Dr. Mitchell pointed out that the Council was the child of Dr. Hancock's thinking.

Mr. Williams expressed his appreciation of Mr. Wright's leadership as president of the Council.

REGIONAL MEETINGS

Miss Sytz spoke of the need for regional meetings of two or three neighboring State Divisions between the yearly membership meetings. "We get inspiration from these meetings. In our own States we get overwhelmed with our own problems. We feel that we are too small to do anything."

THE SCHOOLS AND SEGREGATION

Dr. Mitchell pointed out that, in his thinking, the school problem was the most important thing to be worked on during 1953.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:00 p. m.

Respectfully submitted,

Katherine Stoney
Secretary-Treasurer

MARION A. WRIGHT, LINVILLE FALLS
PRESIDENT
CARTER WESLEY, HOUSTON
VICE-PRESIDENT
GORDON B. HANCOCK, RICHMOND
VICE-PRESIDENT
ALFRED MYNDERS, CHATTANOOGA
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KATHERINE STONEY
SECRETARY-TREASURER
HAROLD C. FLEMING
DIRECTOR OF INFORMATION
MRS. M. E. TILLY
IN CHARGE OF WOMEN'S WORK

Southern Regional Council, Inc.
ROOM 432, 63 AUBURN AVENUE, N.E. ATLANTA 3, GEORGIA

A Council to attain, through research and action, the ideals and practices of equal opportunity for all peoples in the South.

July 13, 1953

Mr. David Scull
Route 1, Box 175
Annandale, Virginia

Dear Mr. Scull:

It has been the custom of the Southern Regional Council to ask three members who were present to read and approve the minutes of each Annual Membership meeting. I am writing to ask that you be one of those to serve for the May 14, 1953 meeting.

Enclosed are the complete minutes with attached finance report, report of the Board to the membership and a copy of the by-laws adopted at the meeting. Will you please read these, make any additions or corrections and return them to me with a note of your approval.

An envelope with postage is attached for your convenient.

Thank you very much for your cooperation.

Sincerely yours,
Katherine Stoney
Katherine Stoney,
Secretary-Treasurer

ks
encl.

read & approved David H Scull, Annandale, Va.
July 15, 1953

July 13, 1953

Miss Rhoda Kaufman
678 Park Drive, NE
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Miss Kaufman:

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Sincerely yours,

Katherine Stoney,
Secretary-Treasurer

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encl.

1500 Bishop St.
Little Rock, Ark.
July 20, 1953

Miss Katherine Stoney
Secretary-Treasurer, Southern
Regional Council
63 Auburn Ave. N.E.
Atlanta, Ga.

Dear Miss Stoney:

I have carefully reviewed the minutes for the Membership meeting held in May, 1953, and wish to report that there are no corrections, or insertions I would like to make.

Will you please accept my commendations for the unusual manner you displayed in making your report at the annual meeting. the material was informative and comprehensive, reflecting the abilities and manifestations of the abiding interest and concern of the entire office force. "The Team is unique."

Thanking you for asking me to serve, Best wishes to all.

Sincerely,

Ocie Seat Smith

July 13, 1953

Mr. Ocie Lee Smith
1500 Bishop Street,
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Mr. Smith:

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An envelope, stamped and address, is attached for your convenience.

Thank you very much for your cooperation.

Sincerely yours,

Katherine Stoney,
Secretary-Treasurer

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I can ✓ can not _____ be present

for the meeting of the SRC Executive Committee

on Wednesday, February 10th.

Please reserve room at Fieldmont for night of 9th.

Signed M. A. Wright

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for the meeting of the SRC Executive Committee

on Wednesday, February 10th.

Signed Maurice V. Nuan

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for the meeting of the SRC Executive Committee

on Wednesday, February 10th.

Signed Harry Richardson

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for the meeting of the SRC Executive Committee

on Wednesday, February 10th.

Signed Paul Christopher

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Southern Regional Council

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for the meeting of the SRC Executive Committee

on Wednesday, February 10th.

Signed Howard Kaas

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Southern Regional Council

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for the meeting of the SRC Executive Committee

on Wednesday, February 10th.

Signed Alfred Kuykendall

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Southern Regional Council

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for the meeting of the SRC Executive Committee

on Wednesday, February 10th.

Signed Amanda Maxwell Bruce

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL

Meeting of the Board of Directors

Wednesday, May 13, 1953 Atlanta, Georgia

AGENDA

10:00 a.m. Call to order

Invocation

Minutes of Board Meeting, December 12, 1951

Report of Executive Committee

Staff Reports: Executive Director
Secretary-Treasurer

Finance and Budget, 1953

12:30 Lunch - Morgan Hall, Spellman College

2:00 p.m. Reconvene

Revision of By-laws

Time of next meeting of Board and Membership

School Volunteers - Proposed program

Attack on Southern Regional Council

Other business

Adjourn

The Nominating Committee from among the members of the Council to make nominations for members of the Board of Directors will meet at the Council offices, 63 Auburn Ave., NE, at 3:30 p.m., Wednesday, May 13th. Members of this committee are: Gadsden Shand, chairman, Ocie Lee Smith, Ernest Neal, Louis Regenstein, Mrs. William H. Hogue and Rev. Edward G.Mackay

Who is the lady with the finger wave at the end of the table?

May 13, 1953

PROPOSED BY-LAWS OF THE
SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC.

ARTICLE I. NAME AND AREA

Section 1. Name. The name of this organization shall be the Southern Regional Council, Incorporated. The terms "Council" or "Corporation" used hereafter in these by-laws shall mean the "Southern Regional Council, Inc."

Section 2. Area. For the purposes of this corporation the Southern Region shall be defined as embracing the States of Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, and Virginia. All members of the corporation shall be residents of this area. This area may be increased or reduced at any annual meeting of the members as hereinafter defined.

ARTICLE II. Members

Section 1. Members

A. The members of the corporation shall be as follows:

1. Not more than 50 or less than 40 persons, hereafter called members, elected by the annual meeting at which these by-laws are adopted.
2. Two persons, hereafter called ex-officio members, from each affiliated State organization. These two persons from each affiliated State organization shall be the chairman of such affiliated organization and one additional member elected by the members of such organization.
3. The president, the vice-presidents, the counsel, the executive director, and the associate director shall also be ex-officio members.

B. A member, as distinct from an ex-officio member, shall hold office for four years (except as provided in Section 1-C of this Article) and until his successor shall have been duly chosen and qualified and until he shall have resigned or shall have been removed in the manner provided by Section 8 in this Article. No such member shall serve more than two consecutive full terms of four years each (or, in accordance with Section 1-C of this Article, one short term and one full four-year term, consecutively). Chairmen of affiliated State organizations shall hold ex-officio membership in the corporation as long as they are chairmen of affiliated State organizations, and ex-officio members elected by their affiliated State organizations shall hold membership in the corporation for not more than two consecutive four-year terms, or portions thereof.

C. The members elected at the meeting at which these by-laws are adopted shall be divided by lot in such a way that the terms of one-half shall expire at the time of the annual meeting in 1955, and the remainder at the annual meeting in 1957.

D. Successors to members (as distinct from ex-officio members) shall, upon expiration of terms or death, resignation, or removal, be elected by all members of the corporation, including ex-officio members, at the next meeting following occurrence of such vacancy, provided that in such elections the executive director and the associate executive director shall not be entitled to vote.

Section 2. Notice of Meetings and Membership Rights

A. Notice of the place, day, and hour of every regular and special meeting shall be given to each member and ex-officio member not less than ten (10) days before the meeting, by delivering the same to him personally, or sending the same to him by telegraph or telephone or by leaving the same at his last known post office address, according to the records of the corporation. It shall not be requisite to the validity of any meeting of the Council that notice thereof shall have been received by any member and ex-officio member who is present thereat or, if absent, waives notice thereof in writing filed with the records of the meeting either before or after the holding thereof. No notice of any adjourned meeting of the Council need be given.

B. The rights of any member in the corporation shall not be assignable or transferable, except in the case of proxies, as provided in Section 4 of this Article, and his rights shall cease with death, resignation, or termination of membership for any cause.

Section 3. Voting. Each member or ex-officio member shallhave one vote and, except in cases in which it is by the charter or by these by-laws otherwise provided, a majority of the votes cast shall be sufficient to elect and to pass any measure. Voting by mail may be conducted on such questions and in such manner as may be provided by the Executive Committee.

Section 4. Proxies. Any member or ex-officio member entitled to vote at any meeting of members may vote either in person or by proxy. All proxies shall be given to members of this body only, and each one shall designate the name of the member who shall act as proxy. Every proxy shall be in writing, subscribed by the member, or his duly authorized attorney, and dated, but need not be sealed, witnessed, or acknowledged. Proxies shall be delivered to the secretary of the corporation before such meeting or to the inspectors at the meeting.

Section 5. Annual Meetings. The corporation shall hold annually a meeting for the election of officers and for the transaction of general business at its principal office in Atlanta at ten o'clock a. m. on the second Wednesday in November in each year, if not a legal holiday, or at such other place and such other time within sixty days as may be designated by the Executive Committee, provided notice of such meeting, including day, hour, and place, shall be given each member of the Council in writing at least thirty days in advance. Such annual meetings shall be general meetings; that is to say, open for the transaction of any business within the powers of the corporation without special notice of such business, unless otherwise provided in these by-laws.

Section 6. Special Meetings. At any time in the interval between annual meetings, special meetings may be called by the president or any ten (10) members or ex-officio members.

Section 7. Quorum. Fifteen members and/or ex-officio members of the Council shall be necessary to constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at every meeting of the members; but if at any meeting there be less than a quorum present, a majority of those present may adjourn the meeting from time to time, but not for a period of over fifteen (15) days at any one time, without notice other than by announcement at the meeting until a quorum shall attend. At any such adjourned meeting at which a quorum shall be present, any business may be transacted which might have been transacted at the meeting as originally notified.

Section 8. Removal. At any meeting called with that purpose stated in the call, any member may, by a majority of votes cast, be removed from office for cause, and another be appointed in the place of the person so removed to serve for the remainder of his term. Permanent change of residence or citizenship to a point beyond the area, as defined in or pursuant to Article I, Section 2, will automatically terminate the membership of one so changing residence or citizenship.

ARTICLE III. FELLOWS

The Council may award honorary fellowships, not exceeding one hundred (100) in number, to Southerners who have demonstrated exceptional talent for constructive leadership. Fellows shall be chosen in such manner as the Council may prescribe, provided they are well distributed as to race, sex, creed, occupation, and place of residence. The duties of fellows shall be to cooperate with the Council as observers, advisers, correspondents, and special representatives. Fellows may receive such honoraria or reimbursement of expenses incurred at the request of the Executive Committee as the Council may direct. The term of a fellowship shall be for two years, unless otherwise provided by the Council, and fellowships may be renewed or withdrawn at the discretion of the Council. Fellows need not be members of the corporation.

ARTICLE IV. AFFILIATES

Organized groups or agencies whose aims and methods are closely akin to the aims and methods of the Southern Regional Council may, at the discretion of the Council, become affiliates of the Council, upon such conditions as the corporation may prescribe. The by-laws of such organized groups or agencies shall be approved by the Council or the Executive Committee of the Council in advance of affiliation. Alterations in the by-laws of such affiliated organizations shall become valid only after written approval of the proposed altered language by or on behalf of the Southern Regional Council. The Council shall prescribe a uniform accounting and auditing system for all affiliated organizations and shall require adherence to such system by all affiliated organizations. Affiliated organizations may disaffiliate. The Council may require disaffiliation for breach of the by-laws of an affiliated organization, or in the event that (after a hearing by the Council) the Council deems the aims and methods of such organization to be no longer closely akin to those of the Southern Regional Council. In the event of disaffiliation, any property of the affiliate purchased with the proceeds of Council aid to such affiliate shall be at the disposition of the Council.

ARTICLE V. COMMITTEES

Section 1. Executive Committee. The Council shall provide for an Executive Committee of not more than nine (9) members in addition to the president and vice-presidents and counsel; the executive director and the associate executive director shall also be ex-officio members of the Committee, but without the right to vote. The Executive Committee shall serve during the pleasure of the Council and may be discharged and the Committee abolished at any time by the Council. Unless one of the members shall have been designated as chairman by the Council, the Executive Committee shall elect a chairman from its own number. During the intervals between the meetings of the Council the Executive Committee shall possess and may exercise all of the powers of the corporation, conferred by these by-laws or the charter of the corporation, in all cases in which specific directions shall not have been given by the Council. The Executive Committee shall keep full and fair accounts of its transactions. All action by the Executive Committee shall be reported to the Council at its meeting next succeeding such action, and shall be subject to revision and alterations by the Council; provided that no rights of third persons shall be affected by any such revision or alteration. Vacancies in the Executive Committee shall be filled by the Council.

Section 2. Meetings of Executive Committee. The Executive Committee shall fix its own rules of procedure, and shall meet as provided by such rules or by resolution of the Council, and it shall also meet at the call of the chairman or of any three members of the Committee. A quorum of the Executive Committee shall consist of not less than five (5) members of the Committee. If necessary, members of the Executive Committee may by written notice appoint a proxy from among the members of the Council to attend and vote on behalf of such members.

Section 3. National Advisory Committee. The Council may establish a National Advisory Committee, composed of persons who reside outside the area of the Southern Regional Council and who are sympathetic with the aims and policies of the Council, whose purpose shall be to advise the Council on matters pertaining to its work.

Section 4. Other Committees. The Council may by resolution provide for such other standing or special committees as it deems desirable and may discontinue the same at pleasure. Each such committee shall have such powers and perform such duties, not inconsistent with these by-laws, as may be assigned to it by the Council. If provision be made for any such committee, the members thereof shall be appointed by the Council. Vacancies in such committees shall be filled by the Council or by such committee or officer as the Council may authorize to fill such vacancies.

ARTICLE VI. OFFICERS

Section 1. Executive Officers. The executive officers of the corporation shall be a president; one or more vice-presidents, not to exceed four; an executive director; an associate executive director; a secretary; and a treasurer. The president and the vice-presidents shall be chosen from among the members of the corporation. The executive director and the associate executive director need not be members at the time of their election, but by virtue of their

office shall become ex-officio members of the corporation, with all the privileges of such members. The secretary and the treasurer need not be members, and the offices of secretary and treasurer may be held by the same person. The president and vice-presidents shall be elected annually by the Council. The executive director and associate executive director, secretary-treasurer, and counsel shall be subject to confirmation annually by the Council, upon the recommendation of the Executive Committee. Officers shall hold office until the corresponding meeting in the next year, and until their successors shall have been fully chosen and qualified, or until they shall have resigned or shall have been removed, in the manner provided in Section 13 of this Article. Any vacancy in any of the above offices shall be filled for the unexpired portion of the term by the Council, at any regular or special meeting.

Section 2. President. The president of the corporation shall serve as chairman of the Council. He shall, when present, preside at all meetings of the Council, and he shall perform such other duties as, from time to time, may be assigned to him by the Council.

Section 3. First Vice-President. At the request of the president, or in his absence or disability, the first vice-president shall perform all the duties of the president; and when so acting shall have the powers of the president; and shall perform such other duties as, from time to time, may be assigned to him by the Council.

Section 4. Additional Vice-Presidents. Each additional vice-president, if any, shall perform the duties of the office in order of his rank and shall have such powers and perform such duties as may be assigned to him by the Council.

Section 5. Executive Director. The executive director shall be charged with the execution of the program and policies of the Council as defined by the Council, and shall be responsible directly to the Council. He shall have general charge and supervision of the employed personnel of the Council; he may sign and execute, in the name of the corporation, all authorized deeds, mortgages, bonds, contracts, or other instruments, except in cases in which the signing and execution thereof shall have been expressly delegated to some other officer or agent of the corporation; and he shall perform such other duties as from time to time may be assigned to him by the Executive Committee or by the Council.

Section 6. Associate Executive Director. The associate executive director shall work in cooperation with the executive director in the administration of the program and policiesof the Council. At the request of the executive director, or in case of his absence or disability, the associate executive director shall perform the duties of the executive director, and he shall perform such other duties as, from time to time, may be assigned to him by the Executive Committee or by the Council.

Section 7. Secretary. The secretary shall keep the minutes of the meetings of the Council and of the Executive Committee, in books provided for the purpose; he shall see that all notices are duly given in accordance with the provisions of these by-laws, or as required by law; he shall be custodian of the records and of the corporate seal or seals of the corporation; he shall see that the corporate seal is affixed to all documents, the execution of which, on behalf of the corporation, under its seal, is duly authorized, and when so affixed may attest the same; and, in general, he shall perform all duties incident to the office of a secretary of a corporation, and such other duties as, from time to time, may be assigned to him by the Council or by the by-laws.

Section 8. Treasurer. The treasurer shall have charge of and be responsible for all funds, securities, receipts and disbursements of the corporation, and shall deposit, or cause to be deposited, in the name of the corporation, all monies or other valuable effects in such banks, trust companies, or other depositories as shall, from time to time, be selected by the Council; he shall render to the president and to the Council annually, and at other times whenever requested, an account of the financial condition of the corporation; and, in general, shall perform all duties incident to the office of a treasurer of a corporation, and such other duties as may be assigned to him by the Council.

Section 9. Controller. The office of controller may be created by the Council, and the duties and authority of such officer shall be fixed by the Council.

Section 10. Counsel. The duties and authority of the counsel shall be fixed by the Council, and he shall be a member of the Council, by virtue of his office.

Section 11. Assistant Officers. The Council may elect one or more assistant secretaries and one or more assistant treasurers. Each assistant secretary, if any, and each assistant treasurer, if any, shall hold office for such period and shall have such authority and perform such duties as the Council may prescribe.

Section 12. Subordinate Officers. The Council may elect such subordinate officers as it may deem desirable. Each such officer shall hold office for such period, have such authority, and perform such duties as the Council may prescribe. The Council may, from time to time, authorize any officer to appoint and remove subordinate officers and prescribe the powers and duties thereof.

Section 13. Removal. Any officer or agent of the corporation may be removed, with or without cause, by a vote of a majority of the entire Council at a meeting called for that purpose, with the purpose stated in the call, or by an officer upon whom such power of removal may have been conferred.

ARTICLE VII. FINANCE

Section 1. Checks, Drafts, Etc. All checks, drafts, or orders for the payment of money notes, and other evidences of indebtedness, issued in the name of the corporation, shall, unless otherwise provided by the Council, be signed by the treasurer and countersigned by the executive director or the associate executive director.

Section 2. Fiscal Year. The fiscal year of the corporation shall be the calendar year, unless otherwise provided by the Council.

Section 3. Audit of Books. An audit of the books of the corporation shall be made at least annually by a certified public accountant to be selected by the Council or by some officer of the corporation authorized by the Council to make such selection.

Section 4. Bonds. The Council may bond any officer, agent, or employee of the corporation, conditioned upon the faithful discharge of his duties, with one or more sureties and in such amount as may be satisfactory to the Council.

Section 5. Board of Trust. The Council may, if by them deemed advisable, elect and establish a Board of Trustees, who need not be members of the corporation, with such powers and consisting of such number of members as the Council may determine, for the purpose of holding as trustee for the corporation the legal title to property or money donated to or otherwise acquired by the corporation, as an endowment fund, and of investing, re-investing and otherwise meeting the requirements and conditions attached to such donations that have been approved and accepted by the Council. Separate Boards of Trustees may be so established, for separate endowments, so that there may be a number of such Boards if necessary or proper. Vacancies on such Boards shall be filled by the Council, or as provided in the trust where such provisions are included therein.

ARTICLE VIII. CORPORATE SEAL AND AMENDMENTS

Section 1. Seal. The corporate seal of the corporation shall bear the name of the corporation and the words, "Incorporated 1944, Georgia."

Section 2. Amendments. These by-laws, or any of them, may be altered or repealed, and new by-laws may be adopted at any annual meeting of the members, or at any special meeting called for that purpose, by the vote of a majority of the members represented in person or by proxy and entitled to vote thereat, provided that such proposed change has been submitted to the membership at least thirty (30) days prior to the meeting.

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC.

Membership Meeting

Thursday, May 14, 1953 Atlanta, Georgia

AGENDA

9:30 a.m.	Registration
10:00 a.m.	Call to order
	Invocation
	Welcome - Dr. R.E. Clement, President, Atlanta University
	Minutes of Membership meeting, December 13, 1951
	President's Message - Marion A. Wright
	Reports of Staff: Executive Director Director of Women's Work Director of Information Secretary-Treasurer
12:30	Adjourn
12:45 p.m.	Lunch - Atlanta University Dormitory
2:00 p.m.	Reconvene
	Reports from Volunteers to work on State School Committees
	Business session
	Election of Board
	Additional 1953 meetings?
	Adjourn

A meeting of the Board of Directors is called immediately after adjournment of the business session, to elect the officers of the Council.

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL

Minutes of the Membership Meeting

May 14, 1953

A meeting of the membership of the Southern Regional Council was held at Dean Sage Hall, Atlanta University, Atlanta, Georgia, at 10:05 a.m., Thursday, May 14, 1953. President Marion A. Wright presided. Dr. Gordon B. Hancock gave the invocation. Dean S. M. Nabrit gave the welcoming address to the members on behalf of Atlanta University.

The following members were present:

Marguerite Woodruff
Freeman Drake, Sr.
Rhoda Kaufman
Mrs. William H. Hogue
Mrs. James S. Grate
John Long
Ozie Lee Smith
S. M. Nabrit
M. A. Wright
Paul D. Williams
Forrester B. Washington
Gadsden Shand
George S. Mitchell
Rabbi Charles Mantinband
A. T. Butler
Rosece Giffen
Paul R. Christopher
Emily Calhoun
Katherine Stoney
Harold C. Fleming
Anna Holden
Mrs. M. E. Tilly
J. M. Dabbs
Mrs. William C. White
David Scull
Mary Jane Willett
Gordon B. Hancock
Herbert M. Davidson
Mrs. Herbert M. Davidson
Howard G. McGlain
Anna Greene Smith
Mrs. Alice N. Spearman
Rebecca Reid
W. Carroll Brooks
Mrs. Norma Huff
Mrs. Harold C. Fleming
A. W. Dent
C. H. Parrish
Mrs. M. J. Lyells
Mrs. Edward M. Vinson
W. H. Frey
Mrs. A. A. Hardy
Mrs. Grace T. Hamilton
Mrs. Milton P. Adler
O. D. Duncan
Mrs. George S. Mitchell
Morris R. Abram
M. Max Neptune
Ruth Stone
Bishop James Clair Taylor
Anne L. Taylor
I. E. Saporta

The following visitors were present:

Paul M. Marshall
Mrs. Jessica Ada Marshall
Rev. G. W. McMurray
Rev. Elias S. Hardege
Rev. A. E. Harris
Irene Osborne
Perry G. McClelland
George Deadwyler
Mrs. Richard Hocking
Dorothy Pitman

Katherine Stoney gave a summary of the minutes of the last annual meeting, held December 13, 1951. On motion, it was voted to approve the minutes as read.

PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS

Mr. Wright, as president of the Council, gave the address printed in the June 1953 issue of New South, Vol. 8, No. 6.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Dr. Mitchell said that the proposal made for an expanded program should be well known to the membership. We would turn our present membership over to active State organizations, each of which would be assisted in obtaining three paid staff members. The Council itself would become a Board of trustees managing the subsidy to the State organizations and coordinating their work and directing a program of research integrated with the action of the State groups. This whole program would cost on the order of $300,000 a year for each year of five years. Some of the things that might well be done by the State organizations would be the following:

1. Persuade newspapers all over the South to do better on writing up Negro news. Most of the big city papers have improved greatly since Race in the News came out, but many of the smaller papers have not.

2. Home town self-surveys. It takes years to get one going. With paid State personnel we could get one or two towns in each State to do surveys each year.

3. Extending the franchise. Work on local boards of registrars to persuade them to remove the barriers to Negro voting.

4. Employment. While the Council would hardly take up a detailed program of assistance to employment by members of minorities, we could be useful in the general economic policy, which would broadly assist this movement.

5. Introduce in Southern schools some kind of teaching of human relations.

6. Schools. For discussion later in this meeting.

7. Commission on Equal Penalties. We have within $160 of getting $4,000 to get the project going.

REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF WOMEN'S WORK

Mrs. Tilly spoke of the advance in race relations which provided a favorable climate for the nomination of Negroes in the recent city primary in Atlanta.

She described the work of the church women visiting the sheriffs in the interest of improved standards on race and law enforcement, exhibiting a map of the Georgia counties in which this had already been done. Mrs. Tilly talked also of the work of the women through the Fellowship of the Concerned in sitting in the Courts as observers. She hoped that in the near future it would

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be possible for the Fellowship of the Concerned to assist in extension of the franchise in particular areas of the South in which it remains limited, and she described the interest of the church women and the Fellowship of the Concerned in the issue on school segregation.

REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF INFORMATION

Mr. Fleming described the impact of various of the recent issues of New South and reviewed the Council's assistance to others influential in shaping public opinion in the South.

INTRODUCTION OF PRESIDENT RUFUS CLEMENT

Dr. Clement, victor only that morning in a race for membership on the Atlanta city school board, came into the meeting at this point and discussed some of the events and issues raised in the campaign.

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY-TREASURER

Katherine Stoney distributed the attached financial report, giving the financial condition of the Council for 1952 and for the first four months of 1953. The long-standing deficit, which had been $9,940 at the beginning of 1951, had been reduced to something under $7,000 at the beginning of 1952 and had further come down to something under $4,000 in the beginning of 1953. During the first four months of 1953 our income had been $28,400, including the grant of $20,000 from the Ford Foundation and $700 raised as an emergency measure by the Executive Committee. During 1952 the Executive Committee had authorized raises in staff salaries which took effect January 1, 1953.

Miss Stoney mentioned the still outstanding debt of $1,500 to Dr. Mitchell.

Under special projects, she reported that the Fellowship of the Concerned had lately received from the John Hay Whitney Foundation $1,500 and that the Field Foundation had sent $2,500 to assist publication of New South from May 1953 through May 1954. The Commission on Equal Penalties had a present bank balance of slightly over $2,200.

The Council had had no membership secretary since the summer of 1952, and Miss Stoney had been adding that duty to her other work. Currently paid membership stands at 1,810 within the South and 240 outside the South. Georgia, Louisiana, and South Carolina have the largest membership, in that order.

She noted that New South subscriptions continued to sell at a good rate, particularly to colleges and universities.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS TO THE MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Mr. Fleming presented the attached report from the Board of Directors. On motion, it was voted to accept the report.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HONORED BY CATHOLIC COMMITTEE OF THE SOUTH

President Wright called upon Paul Williams, former president, to describe the award conferred upon the executive director April 24 by the Catholic Committee of the South at its Richmond convention. Mr. Williams reviewed for the Council's membership his remarks as made at the Catholic Committee of the South meeting.

The meeting adjourned for luncheon at 12:20 and reconvened at 1:45.

THE SCHOOLS AND SEGREGATION

What Needs to be Done

The executive director said that the normal American solution to public controversy involving services to minority groups was for the minorities to be fully represented on appropriate deciding boards and agencies. While in spots in the South, happily, a tendency in this direction has begun to appear, a great expansion of such representation was needed in the near future. Unless, contrary to all experience, such representation should be forthcoming on an adequate scale, the next best step would be to arrange informal committees, local and State, fairly representing all interests and directing their attention particularly to school problems.

One of the Council's first concerns, therefore, should be to get going in each Southern State a volunteer school committee, composed of white and Negro teachers, parents, and other concerned individuals. From time to time, as authorized public bodies made proposals or dispositions in school matters, the volunteer committee could propose alternative courses. These State committees could only be truly successful if they had available to them full-time paid staff, and the provision of this staff would be the main use of any additional resources which might become available to the Council.

As, for the moment, adequate funds were not in sight, the Council was proposing merely that within each State our present forces select a volunteer who would rapidly build up as much knowledge as possible of the school situation and begin also to make notes as to a proper group to serve on a future volunteer State School Committee. The Council would be in position for the present to pay the reasonable expenses of these volunteer State school persons. Several of the States had already selected these persons, and they were here at the meeting to report and describe the problems in their schools. We had brought down also Irene Osborne from the Community Relations Program of the American Friends Service Committee in Washington, as that group had already made substantial progress in a citizens' movement for integration of the schools in the District of Columbia and had probably the richest experience of any agency in this direction.

Reports from State School Volunteers

The several volunteers then spoke. Roscoe Giffen of Berea College reviewed the situation in Kentucky. Howard McClain described the South Carolina school situation as it related to segregation. Mrs. Ruby S. Lyells

spoke for Mississippi. In the absence for the moment of the Rev. W. Carroll Brooks of Staunton, Virginia, Dr. Mitchell said that Mr. Brooks was chairman of a committee selected by the Department of Christian Social Relations of the Virginia Council of Churches to take on this responsibility for the time being and until a permanent volunteer person could be chosen in that State. Dr. Mitchell also spoke of the plans of Mrs. William C. White of the Florida Division to have county meetings to discuss problems, county by county, in Florida.

Miss Osborne from the American Friends Service Committee in Washington described in some detail the development in that city and the work of the Community Relations Program in connection with it.

ADOPTION OF AMENDMENT FOR ELECTING BOARD

A proposed amendment to present by-laws had been circulated by mail to all members of the Council and had been reviewed by the Board meeting May 13, which was recommending to the membership meeting today the adoption of the following amendment:

> Article IV, Section 1, of the present by-laws is suspended and a new Board of Directors shall be elected, in accordance with Article II, Section 1, Subsections A, B, and C of the draft by-laws, prepared in pursuance of the resolution directing such draft adopted at the membership meeting December 13, 1951. But the words in Subsection A, "The members of the corporation shall be as follows" shall not apply. In the election May 14, 1953, the Department of Christian Social Relations of the Virginia Council of Churches (unaffiliated) shall have participation as though it were an affiliated State organization.

Mr. Scull raised the question of whether granting the Department of Christian Social Relations of the Virginia Council of Churches full participation, as though it were a State Division, was fair to SRC members in the State who were not members of the Council of Churches. Dr. Mitchell explained that the old Interracial Committee did not become a part of the Southern Regional Council, but was dissolved and was now operating through the Virginia Council of Churches. He regretted the consequent formal exclusion of Council members not attached to the church groups working through the Virginia Council of Churches and hoped that eventually an all-inclusive interracial organization would be formed in Virginia.

Upon motion, the amendment to the present by-laws was adopted.

ADOPTION OF NEW BY-LAWS

Mr. Wright spoke of the long-range plan of the Council for altered by-laws in the event that we had substantial additional resources, and said that the proposed new by-laws about to be read would tighten the organization in the interest of efficiency.

Dr. Mitchell explained that the draft of new by-laws followed the intent of the resolution adopted by the 1951 annual meeting requesting by-laws of this kind. In effect, they would make of the Council a federation of active State organizations. Members would be members of their State groups, and the Southern Regional Council itself would become a Board empowered to fill its own vacancies, the core of which Board would be elected at this meeting. Other Board members would include the chairman of each State organization and one other person elected by the members of each State organization. It would be the duty of the Council itself to co-ordinate the work of the State organizations, assist them in paying full-time staff personnel, publish a journal, and direct a program of research geared to the needs of the action people to work for the State groups. The Board of Directors had been sent copies of the new by-laws, and the Executive Committee had studied them with some care. The Board at its May 13 meeting had urged that today's membership meeting adopt these new by-laws.

On motion, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

Resolved, that the membership of the Council, in annual meeting assembled, adopt the proposed draft of by-laws as read today, with the proviso that the effective date of the same shall be within the discretion of the Executive Committee, and until such date, the existing by-laws, as today amended with respect to election of the Board of Directors, shall continue in full force and effect.

POSTPONEMENT OF 1952 ANNUAL MEETING

The executive director stated that the by-laws under which the Council had been operating gave only a modest leeway to the Executive Committee in postponing the convening of the annual membership meeting, and by reason of uncertainty of funds, the Executive Committee had exceeded the stated leeway in postponing the 1952 meeting until May 1953. Dr. Mitchell requested the membership meeting to give approval to the action of the Executive Committee in this postponement. Upon motion, the membership expressed concurrence with the action of the Executive Committee.

NEED FOR MONEY AND MEMBERS

Mr. Wright and others present appealed to the State organizations and individual members to put forth real effort in the coming months to increase the Council's membership rolls and its funds. Mr. Wright referred to the fact that the Board of Directors had by resolution urged each member to increase the present membership by at least three, and hopefully five, persons within the next sixty days. The president hoped that all Council members would take part in this effort. Dr. Gordon Hancock reminded the membership of a suggestion made by Board member C. H. Parrish that persons wishing to assist the Council could take out complimentary memberships for their friends.

ELECTION OF BOARD MEMBERS

The amendment to Article IV, Section 1, as adopted, required the election at this meeting of a new Board of Directors. On the appointment of the Executive Committee, a nominating committee composed of Gadsden Shand of Columbia, chairman; Mrs. William H. Hogue of Houston; Louis Regenstein of Atlanta; Ocie Lee Smith of Little Rock; Rev. E. G. Mackay of Oxford, Georgia; and Ernest Neal of Tuskegee Institute had, in some travail, made nominations for this new Board. Mr. Shand then read the following list of nominations:

John A. Griffin, Atlanta
John G. Lewis, Baton Rouge
Morris Abram, Atlanta
R. B. Atwood, Frankfort, Kentucky
Charles S. Johnson, Nashville
Rufus E. Clement, Atlanta
B. E. Mays, Atlanta
O. D. Duncan, Stillwater, Oklahoma
Harry V. Richardson, Atlanta
Rabbi Charles Mantinband, Hattiesburg
Rev. Andrew S. Turnipseed, Montgomery
Mrs. E. H. Spearman, Columbia
Mrs. C. M. Birnie, Atlanta
Clyde Milner, Guilford, N. C.
Paul R. Christopher, Knoxville
E. W. Palmer, Kingsport, Tenn.
Harry Ashmore, Little Rock
Rev. Maurice V. Shean, Rock Hill
Bishop Charles Clingman, Louisville
H. M. Davidson, Daytona Beach
James L. Coker, Hartsville, S. C.
Mrs. G. T. Hamilton, Atlanta
Guy B. Johnson, Chapel Hill
Z. A. Looby, Nashville
L. D. Milton, Atlanta
Bishop Arthur J. Moore, Atlanta
Mrs. J. Point Tillman, Lewisburg, Tenn.
Will Clayton, Houston
Henry M. Bullock, Nashville
Charles A. Shaw, Houston
Alonzo Moron, Hampton, Va.
E. A. McDowell, Wake Forest, N. C.
C. H. Parrish, Louisville
Bishop E. A. Penick, Raleigh
Mrs. J. N. Rayzor, Houston
Jacob L. Reddix, Jackson
Mrs. E. U. Robinson, Franklin, Tenn.
Morton L. Weiss, Atlanta
Mrs. W. F. Bates, North Little Rock
Mrs. Henry H. Tucker, Little Rock
U. S. Bond, Madison, Ark.
Miss Florence Syts, New Orleans
John McCann, New Orleans
L. E. Thomas, Miami
John H. Wheeler, Durham
E. C. Colwell, Atlanta
Josephine Wilkins, Athens, Ga.
Paul D. Williams, Richmond
Thomas W. Young, Norfolk
J. McDowell Richards, Decatur, Ga.
Rev. Paul Hardin, Jr., Birmingham
A. J. Clement, Charleston
C. G. Gomillion, Tuskegee Institute
John D. Rust, Pine Bluff, Ark.
Ralph Barbare, Rock Hill
J. Edwin Smith, Houston
Mrs. Tommie Stroud, Waco
Tom Friedman, Houston
R. O'Hara Lanier, Houston

It was noted that while this meeting was to fill only fifty places on the Board, the nominating committee had been unable to reduce their list below 59 names. The meeting agreed that the Executive Committee should establish an order of priority for inviting those elected to serve, with a view to producing finally a total of not to exceed fifty Board members, chosen by this meeting. The nominations as above given were approved, and the secretary was instructed to cast a ballot electing them to the Board.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Upon motion, it was voted to consider the meeting of May 14 as the annual meeting for 1953. That had the effect of making the next annual meeting come in November of 1954.

VOTE OF THANKS TO ATLANTA UNIVERSITY

Upon the resolution of Dr. Hancock, the meeting expressed its gratitude to Atlanta University for the facilities which it had most graciously provided for the meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Katherine Stoney
Secretary-Treasurer

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February 22, 1952

Mr. Harry A. Ashmore
Arkansas Gazette
Little Rock, Ark.

Dear Mr. Ashmore:

We are much delighted to have you as part of our Board.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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February 18, 1952

Mr. George S. Mitchell, Executive Director
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Mr. Mitchell:

I thought I got off a letter to you before I left for Europe a month ago, but I find upon my return that I didn't.

I shall, of course, be pleased to serve on the board of the Council, and I am honored that you have asked me. I hope this delay in my acceptance has not caused you any inconvenience.

Sincerely,

Harry S. Ashmore

Harry S. Ashmore
Executive Editor

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December 26, 1951

Mr. Harry Ashmore
Arkansas Gazette
Little Rock, Ark.

Dear Mr. Ashmore:

Our New South printing of your fine talk to the governors ought to be out in two or three days, and we will send you a stack of them. We are very grateful indeed for your kind permission to us to carry it.

Our Council has had it in mind for two or three years to ask you to serve on its Board of Directors. Lately we have been reducing the Board from its authorized strength of 72 to 55 or six, and only this year was any substantial number of vacancies available. The nominating committee brought your name in for one of the dozen vacancies this year, and you were duly elected to the Board. I warmly hope that you can agree to serve.

They put you in a four-year term ending in 1955. Board members are eligible to serve not more than two consecutive terms. Being on the Board doesn't involve anything more onerous than coming to an annual meeting of the Board, and the Council has always thus far been able to bear the travel expense of those who come. It would mean an honor and, I hope, an active place for you in advising the Arkansas Division of the Council, which is new and as yet quite small.

Here is the list of other persons who were elected this year.

Alexander Kline	Rabbi	Clarksdale, Miss.
John Page Williams	Schoolmaster	Richmond
Mrs. E. J. Rauschkolb	Church Leader	Little Rock
L. E. Thomas	Lawyer	Miami
Ben J. Massell	Businessman	Atlanta
Josephine Wilkins	Organizational Leader	Atlanta
A. Maceo Smith	Housing Official	Dallas
Paul Christopher	Labor Leader	Knoxville
Ed H. Weyler	Labor Leader	Louisville
Paul Williams	Businessman	Richmond
Guy Johnson	Professor	Chapel Hill
Harold Trigg	College President	Raleigh
Mrs. J. Newton Rayzor	Church Leader	Houston

The present members of the Board are as on the enclosed leaflet, less the scratched names, who are the people whose terms expired this year.

We elected as officers of the Council for next year: Marion Wright of South Carolina and North Carolina as president; Gordon Hancock, Carter Wesley, Alfred Mynders of Chattanooga, and Dr. Dent of Dillard as vice-presidents.

The enclosed statement of policy and aims was adopted both by the Board and the membership meeting, and is pretty important.

We have always had a good many leading editors who have played responsible and official parts in the work of the Council. I think of Virginius Dabney, Alfred Mynders, Hodding Carter, Herbert Davidson, Ed Ray, P. B. Young, and Carter Wesley, among others. So I hope there need be no feeling that as an editor you are estopped from identification with the Council.

We admire you and want you to put your advice and thought into making a stronger Southern organization.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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March 18, 1952

Mrs. Charles Mantinband
808 Mamie St.
Hattiesburg, Miss.

Dear Mrs. Mantinband:

How very kind that was of you to provide me with that carefully assorted supper and with company and news.

I am delighted that I have at last found my way to where the Mantinbands live.

All success to you both in the new venture.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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February 7, 1952

Rabbi Charles Mantinband
206 North Wood Ave.
Florence, Ala.

Dear Rabbi Mantinband:

Many thanks for your letter of February 1. Hattiesburg is a long way from Vicksburg, but it will frequently be recalled that Rabbi Brav when at Vicksburg was a good Board member of the Council.

I mailed off the policy statements and some "What Kind of South Do You Want?" leaflets on Saturday. I could not find on Saturday the press release, but some copies will be sent you today.

We will be grateful for some more members if you can get them.

We have had a little better luck in January than we expected. Marshall Field's foundation gave us $2,500 to float NEW SOUTH for this year, and the Sidney Hillman Foundation gave us $1,500 for general expenses.

Hattiesburg is a place I do occasionally get to, and I will hope to find you there some day.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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206 NORTH WOOD AVENUE
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Dear George:

Just a line to advise that, as of March 1st, the Mantinband's move to Hattiesburg, Miss. I have been in touch with John Long - in fact I am due to speak (return visit) to his school in the early spring - I shall find my place in the State S.R.C. In the interim, I go to Montgomery on the 12th.

If you can spare a few SoP shipped ever more "Statements of Policy and the Press Release of Jan 7th, I could use them to

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food advantage. Please send also a quantity of "What Kind of South Do you Want?" I'll try to get a few more memberships before I take off.

Greetings

Chas Martin Brand

Shipped RLM

How is the Foundation money coming and when may we expect our Convention expense check?

Mantinband

May 9, 1951

Rabbi Charles Mantinband
206 North Wood Avenue
Florence, Alabama

Dear Rabbi Mantinband:

I had a similar job to do last year at Tuskegee. Here is a copy.

Generally speaking, I would say the thing to do is to run along for nearly all the talk without special reference to race, and then in a paragraph or two show your understanding of their special needs.

What we are saying is that the South has a lot of problems to solve and that we should stop thinking about the white people making up their minds what they are going to do for everybody and start working out each matter in full inclusive use of the democratic processes. And the democratic process includes, if need be, the courts of law.

I have lately had most stimulating visits of the American Jewish Committee chapters at Memphis, Dallas, and Houston.

At Dallas I met a man who in some printed speech I read referred to an ancient proverb most apropos to the matter of slum clearance and delinquency. The proverb: "Not the mouse but the hole is the thief." Surely that is a Jewish proverb.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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TRI-CITIES JEWISH CONGREGATION

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ALABAMA

RABBI CHARLES MANTINBAND
206 NORTH WOOD AVE.
FLORENCE

TEMPLE B'NAI ISRAEL
ATLANTA AVE.
SHEFFIELD

May 4, 1951

Dr. George Mitchell,
Southern Regional Council,
63 Auburn Street, N.E.,
Atlanta, Ga.

Dear Dr. Mitchell:

The writer has been invited to deliver a Baccalaureate address in June before the graduating class of a school for Negroes, and invites your co-operation.

Indoctrinated as I am with the philosophy of the Southern Regional Council, on whose Executive Board I serve, it is my impulse to address these young students as I would any other group of American citizens, making no special reference to the race situation. But in these days of realistic thinking, I question the wisdom of this procedure.

May I ask you, if you please, to indicate what special emphasis might be made to young Negro Americans, as they face the prospect of the future.

With assurances of my highest esteem and deep appreciation, I am

Yours sincerely,

C. Mantinband

Charles Mantinband

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April 19, 1952

Mrs. Thelma W. Johnson,
Prentiss Institute,
Prentiss, Miss.

Dear Mrs. Johnson:

In a recent letter from Dr. George S. Mitchell, Executive Director of the Southern Regional Council, I learn that you are active in the Mississippi Jeanes Association.

It would please me to learn something more about this body, and also about Prentiss Institute. It seems to me that I have been through Prentiss on my way from Laurel to Brookhaven.

Trusting that our paths will cross some day, and with all good wishes, I am,

Yours sincerely,

Cm

Charles Mantinband

P.S. The writer is on the executive board of the Southern Regional Council, and frequently lectures at institutions of higher learning, Negro and white, on aspects of Judaism, under the auspices of the Jewish Chautauqua Society.

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B, misc.

May 1, 1952

Mrs. Cassandra M. Birnie
864 Hunter Street, SW
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mrs. Birnie:

Thank you very much for your letter of April 30th. and for the membership for Mr. Paul A. Simmons. We are sending a receipt direct to him. Mr. J. Wilson Cutliff of Orangeburg also sent in dues during the month.

Dr. Mitchell has read your letter and sends his thanks and regards. He had a fine time in Columbia.

We'll look forward to seeing you again at the Executive Committee meeting but would like to have you come to see us anytime.

Kindest regards,

Sincerely yours,

Katherine Stoney,
Secretary-Treasurer

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ATTORNEY AT LAW
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April 30, 1952

Dr. George S. Mitchell, Executive Director
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Mr. Mitchell:

Mr. Paul A. Simmons of Orangeburg has sent me his membership in the Council as of this week. I am enclosing his check and membership application.

I hope that some others of the members in Orangeburg have renewed their memberships direct to your office. Mr. Simmons is the only one that has responded to my letter direct to me.

I wish to here acknowledge receipt of your letter of April 21. I am indeed happy to know that you had success in Columbia with the sale of the pamphlet RACE AND LAW ENFORCEMENT.

I am glad to know that you were able to meet and see Mrs. Paul. She has been for sometime a member of the board for the South Carolina division. She has a steady record of being both gracious and helpful where ever she can.

Sincerely yours,

Cassandra Maxwell Birnie

Cassandra M. Birnie

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Encl. Check # 87 $ 3.00

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CASSANDRA E. MAXWELL
ATTORNEY AT LAW
ORANGEBURG, SOUTH CAROLINA

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September 26, 1951

Mr. George S. Mitchell
Executive Director
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
63 Auburn Avenue, N.E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Mr. Mitchell:

I trust that you received my telephone message left with someone in your office on September 13, advising that I would be out of town on the date scheduled for the meeting of the Atlanta members of the nominating committee.

I regret that I was not able to be present at the meeting, and hope that I will be in Atlanta when next you ask me to serve.

With all good wishes, I am

Very truly yours,

Cassandra Maxwell Birnie

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July 27, 1951

Mrs. Cassandra Maxwell Birnie
876 Fair St., S. W.
Atlanta, Ga.

Dear Mrs. Birnie:

I am mighty sorry I wasn't here when you were kind enough to come by.

Mrs. Mitchell and I will come and pay you a proper visit.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell

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CASSANDRA E. MAXWELL
ATTORNEY AT LAW
ORANGEBURG, SOUTH CAROLINA

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July 16, 1951

Mr. George S. Mitchell
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
63 Auburn Avenue, N.E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Mr. Mitchell:

Thanks for your letter of the 12th of July, and for such a warm welcome to the City of Atlanta.

One day very soon I hope to drop by your office to see all there. In the meantime be assured that I will place the memorandum on "Opportunities in Physiotherapy" in the hands of a trained nurse in Orangeburg. I expect to be at Orangeburg a few days next week.

My new address is as follows:

876 Fair Street, S.W.
Atlanta, Georgia

With every good wish to you, I am

Sincerely yours,

Cassandra Maxwell Birnie

Cassandra Maxwell Birnie

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July 12, 1951

Mrs. Cassandra Maxwell Birnie
Office of the President
Morehouse College
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Ga.

Dear Mrs. Birnie:

Here is a memorandum that will be of interest. I am told that there is real disposition in the United Cerebral Palsy outfit to be helpful.

I don't know whom to notify in South Carolina. Does Orangeburg have suitable training? If you know where to send the memorandum in South Carolina, I turn it over to you, please.

You and your husband are richly welcomed to Atlanta.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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August 12, 1952

Mrs. James S. Crate
2410 Inwood Dr.
Houston 6, Texas

Dear Mrs. Crate:

Perhaps you had a hand in the attendance lately at Chicago of one of your Houston police officers for a special training program in race relations. Here is a circular that announced the Institute.

We rustled around, and with help from the ADL, got one of the high officials of the Atlanta Police Department up there for the two weeks. The other Southerners (five out of fifty men) were two from New Orleans, one from Louisville, and one from Houston. The Houston man was Detective Larry Fultz.

Whoever did it, it was a good thing to do.

Suggestion: Think about arranging one, two, or three small gatherings of people which Detective Fultz could come and talk to. Perhaps Fultz ought to be accompanied by the chief--I don't know. The detective may not be a fluent speaker, but even from halting description of topics and personalities at the Chicago meeting, there comes out the idea that the police have to be impartial and that any city needs long-range planning to adjust its housing problems. Also, it is interesting to see the police officer visibly changed by the experience of being up there with two or three Negro policemen and hearing Thurgood Marshall, etc., etc.

The ADL group here arranged a quite small luncheon only yesterday, at which the chief came and his police superintendent, who had been to the Chicago meeting. High benefit to hear them talk.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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September 23, 1952

Rabbi and Mrs. Charles Mantinband
808 Mamie St.
Hattiesburg, Miss.

Dear The Mantinbands:

How very kind of you to send me a pretty New Year's card! We think constantly of you and cherish your warm friendship.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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PEMBROKE STATE COLLEGE
PEMBROKE, NORTH CAROLINA

OFFICE OF
THE PRESIDENT

September 29,1952

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Southern Regional Council

Dr. George S. Mitchell
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
Room 432, 63 Auburn Avenue N.E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Doctor Mitchell:

Let me thank you for your letter of September 23,1952 and for the interest which you continue to show in Pembroke.

I agree with you in the fitness of the Opportunity Fellowship for someone from Pembroke. I am at a loss to understand just what it is that the Foundation wants by way of candidates. I have encouraged two applicants in previous years but have been disappointed in finding that they did not measure up. Perhaps I have the wrong idea of the type of persons that the Foundation wants to help. I suppose they are looking for someone who has a great idea and a definite plan which he wants to work out. Or is it a matter of scholarship as revealed in the wording of the applicants plans and desires?

I have in mind two or three persons who, in my opinion, would be worthy of an Opportunity Fellowship. I think I need to know better the technique of presenting them to the committee. I have a long letter from Dr. Weaver but I still am at a loss as to how to proceed in the preparation of the applications.

With kind regards, I am

Very truly yours,

R. D. Wellons

R. D. Wellons
President
Pembroke State College

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November 12, 1951

Mr. R. D. Wellons
Pembroke State College
Pembroke, N. C.

Dear Mr. Wellons:

We are so glad you can be here for the Board meeting on the 11th. Stay over if you can for the membership meeting the next day, but the Board meeting is the most important.

We will look forward to seeing you and Mrs. Wellons.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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PEMBROKE STATE COLLEGE
PEMBROKE, NORTH CAROLINA

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Dr. George S. Mitchell
Executive Director
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
63 Auburn Avenue, N.E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Doctor Mitchell:

Let me thank you for your letter of October 31, 1951, andfor the interest which you have shown in Pembroke through your having written to Dr. D. Swan Haworth upon his call to the pastorate of the First Baptist Church in Lumberton.

I recall having met Dr. Haworth in Atlanta last year, and I shall look forward to the fellowship with him here in this county.

I had not planned to attend the meeting of the Board of Directors of the Southern Regional Council this year. However, I now find that I shallbe in Florida for the meeting of the Southern Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools, and will extend my trip to include the meeting of the Board of Directors on Tuesday, December 11,1951. Mrs. Wellons will be with me. You need not arrange hotel accommodations for us. We will find a place upon our arrival there.

With kind regards, I am

Very sincerely,

R. D. Wellons

R. D. Wellons
President
Pembroke State College

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October 31, 1951

Mr. R. D. Wellons
Pembroke College
Pembroke, N. C.

Dear Mr. Wellons:

We had notice the other day by mail of the transfer from Vicksburg to Lumberton of a fellow Board member of yours, the Rev. Mr. D. Swan Haworth. He now has the First Baptist Church in Lumberton.

I have written him and encouraged him to take an interest in Indian matters.

He is a pretty nice guy.

I thought perhaps if you didn't know of his SRC connection and of his good disposition in these matters, you would be glad for word about him and would perhaps arrange some special courtesy to him on behalf of the College.

I wrote Haworth in terms of his recalling in his ministry at Lumberton that historically the Indian community has lost little love on Lumberton and her landlords, and in terms, therefore, of Haworth's trying, in this or that way, to notice the remarkable progress of the Indian community and to open channels of a more equal cooperation.

With warm regards.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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October 2, 1951

Mr. R. D. Wellons, President
Pembroke State College
Pembroke, N. C.

Dear Mr. Wellons:

That was very nice indeed of you to write me about Professor Ahmad Shah.

I will take steps to make his acquaintance. He will, I am sure, be glad to have word from you.

I rejoice that you are looking after all my good friends at Pembroke.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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Signed in Dr. Mitchell's absence.

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Dr. George S. Mitchell
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
Room 432 - 63 Auburn Avenue, N.E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Doctor Mitchell:

I have learned recently that Professor E. Ahmand Shah has joined the faculty of Atlanta University in the Department of Psychology as an exchange professor from India.

I am anxious for you to meet Mr. Ahmand Shah for he is an outstanding layleader in the Christian church in India. I have known him intimately for 35 years, and I am delighted to know that Atlanta University has the privilege of having him on the faculty for this year.

With kind regards, I am

Very sincerely,

R. D. Wellons

R. D. Wellons
President
Pembroke State College

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November 16, 1950

Mr. R. D. Wellons
Pembroke State College
Pembroke, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Wellons:

We do appreciate your interest in coming to the Council's annual meeting. It was a great pleasure to meet you.

Thank you for returning your expense account. You will be reimbursed as soon as possible, but we ask your patience.

Our kindest regards and thanks for your active participation and interest in the Council.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
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Dr. George S. Mitchell
Southern Regional Council
63 Auburn Avenue, N.E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia.

Dear Doctor Mitchell:

Let me thank you for your letter of November 17th. It is indeed kind of the Council's Membership Committee to elect me to a position on the Board of Directors of the Southern Regional Council.

I may say that the purposes of the Council have my heartiest endorsement. And, I believe that the cause urgently calls for support from those who are like-minded concerning these matters. While a social revolution cannot be accomplished over-night it can, nevertheless, be speeded up by united efforts of persons who are willing to see changes come, even though at times at a very slow pace.

If I can be of any service I shall count it a privilige.

Very sincerely,

R. D. Wellons

R. D. Wellons
President
Pembroke State College

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November 17, 1949

Dr. Ralph D. Wellons, President
Pembroke College
Pembroke, North Carolina

Dear President Wellons:

The Council's annual membership meeting on November 9, upon the recommendation of the nominating committee, elected you to the Board of Directors. The Board is composed of 72 persons, drawn from over the South and widely representative of the people of the region. It meets ordinarily once a year, with travel expenses paid. It rests the function of supervision of the staff of the Council upon the Board's executive committee, made up of seven persons plus the officers of the Council.

I enclose a list of the present Board members and of the fourteen persons elected the other day. Board membership is held for varying periods. The term to which you were elected expires in 1952.

I warmly hope that you can give us in this way the benefit of your advice and experience. This is a time when the thoughtful working together of southern people is more needed than ever.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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Mays

September 30, 1952

Dr. Benjamin E. Mays, President
Morehouse College
Atlanta, Ga.

Dear Dr. Mays:

Here is the Phi Beta Kappa business back.

I suggest that you summon a small meeting at an early date of faculty people at Morehouse who are Phi Beta Kappas, plus a scattered few Phi Bets from round about. I phoned your secretary today as to the secretary of the Emory chapter and an active person in the Agnes Scott chapter. I would be glad to come too.

At such a meeting your Morehouse people would select one of their number to make before November 15 appropriate application to the committee on qualifications.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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MOREHOUSE COLLEGE
ATLANTA, GEORGIA

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Mr. George Mitchell
63 Auburn Avenue, NE
Atlanta,
Georgia

Dear Mr. Mitchell:

I would appreciate it if you would read this pamphlet "The Founding of New Chapters of Phi Beta Kappa" which came in response to a letter I sent a few days ago. You will see on page 2 the thing that I was talking to you about. What do you suggest that we do first? You see, we must work fast because the application must be in by November 15. Please return the pamphlet with your comment.

With kindest regards,

I am

Yours truly,

Benjamin E. Mays

Benjamin E. Mays
President

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Mitchell, Arthur

November 3, 1952

Miss Marjorie Merritt, Director
The National Conference of Bar Examiners
510 Equitable Bldg.
Denver 2, Colo.

Dear Miss Merritt:

Mr. Arthur W. Mitchell, about whom you wrote me October 29, has been a member of the Southern Regional Council for several years and was made a member of its Board of Directors in November, 1949,

He has had a devoted interest in the Southern Regional Council and has been helpful to us in making new friendships and occasionally in raising funds.

Mr. Mitchell was raised as a poor farm boy in, I think, Chambers County, Alabama. In Chicago he came to have a close knowledge of the politics of the South Side, and early in the New Deal challenged the political leadership of an incumbent Republican Congressman. Mr. Mitchell was elected and stayed in Congress for several terms. He could have continued to be elected, but he chose to resign and establish a farm and home in central Virginia. He built a large and handsome home seven miles South of Petersburg, to which he and his wife went in semi-retirement from public life.

He is active in the work of his good-sized farm and keeps up also a close study of political and public affairs.

His move to Virginia is important in estimating his philosophy; here was a Negro who had done well in American life and who was perfectly free to stay North and benefit from denouncing the shortcomings of Southern life. Instead, he chose to return to the South and put his shoulders under the problem. And he has worked manfully and very usefully at the problem since his return.

I do not have any personal knowledge of Mr. Mitchell's life prior to about 1949, except that I had acquaintance with him while he was a member of Congress in about 1939, and found him then a highly respected member of the Congress.

Miss Marjorie Merritt, Nov. 3, 1952

In the present phase of Mr. Mitchell's career, I would unhesitatingly vouch for him as scrupulously honest, level-headed, and public-spirited.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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Executive Director
The Southern Regional Council, Inc.
63 Auburn Avenue, N.E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Sir:

Our Conference is undertaking for 38 states the work of investigating the moral character and fitness for the practice of law of those attorneys of one state who seek admission to the bar of another. In this connection we have been asked to report on Arthur W. Mitchell, 68, a member of the bar of Illinois who is now applying for admission to the bar of Virginia. He was in Congress during 1935-1943 and since then has lived most of the time on a farm near Petersburg, Virginia.

We understand that Mr. Mitchell has occasionally lectured through the south on racial good will and that he has been connected with your Council. Please let us know for what period he has been a part of your organization and send us whatever information you can bearing upon his moral character, reputation and fitness for the practice of law.

All data will be for the confidential use of the Virginia bar examiners, and your early reply will be much appreciated.

Yours sincerely,

Marjorie Merritt

Director

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Mr. George S, Mitchell
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
63 Auburn Avenue N. E.
Atlanta, Ga.

Dear George:

Your letter of January 19 came but I have sorter run out of money as the year went by and I will not be able to make the contribution you ask for. Try me again next year because I like to have a part with what you are trying to do.

Yours truly

SRC

April 13, 1953

MEMORANDUM

TO: Members of the Nominating Committee
FROM: George S. Mitchell

The Council has since its beginning operated under by-laws which divided the Board of Directors into classes, with staggered terms. The by-laws provide also that "no elected director shall serve more than two elected full terms of four years each." Under these provisions, a nominating committee each year has had the task of suggesting a limited number of replacements to automatic vacancies.

This year a sweeping change is proposed. The last annual membership meeting (December, 1951) adopted a resolution asking that new by-laws be drafted. This has been done. These new by-laws, if adopted, would turn the present scattered Southwide membership of the Council over to vigorous State organizations, which would receive assistance, in the form of paid personnel, from the Southern Regional Council itself. The Council itself would be little more than a Board of Directors, governing a staff and coordinating the work of the various State organizations. Presumably, if the Council receives quite substantial financial aid, these new by-laws would be adopted in toto.

Here in mid-1953 we are in a queer situation. We could go along under the old by-laws and fill the vacancies in the existing Board. There are quite a lot of them, by the way. The Board so elected would quite possibly be a "lame duck" Board, being replaced, when, as and if the Council gets more money and reorganizes. Also, under the old by-laws some of the best people now on the Board who will complete their second four-year terms could not be elected.

So the proposal is made that at the annual meeting coming up May 14, 1953, we adopt from the proposed new by-laws only that language which says how a Board of Directors would be elected under the new by-laws. Thus, if at any later time we switch the organization around, the Board could continue as elected May 14, 1953. Incidentally, since this proposal suspends those clauses in the present by-laws governing election of a Board of Directors, it suspends the rotation system. The effect of this is to make eligible for election May 14, 1953, anybody, regardless of whether he has or has not had certain terms as a Board member. So, on the assumption that the membership meeting May 14 will make this partial change in the by-laws, you, the members of the nominating committee, have a clear field to choose for the Council, reorganized or not reorganized, the very best and stablest Board you can pick.

Here are some aids toward such a choice:

I. A complete list of everyone who has ever served on the Board of Directors.
II. The present Board of Directors of the Council, with their terms of office.

III. For convenience, those whose terms of office expired in 1952 or would expire in November, 1953, and would, under the old by-laws, be ineligible for re-election. Note that under the proposed change in by-laws any of them would be eligible for election May 14.

IV. Former Board members who have at one time or another resigned.

V. List of persons elected at one time or another who did not accept membership.

VI. List of Board members who have moved out of the region.

VII. List of present officers of the Council, all of whom are ex-officio Board members.

VIII. List of incorporators of the Southern Regional Council, who, under the charter of the Council, are members of the Council so long as they continue to pay dues. All but one or two have.

IX. Persons who have recently been suggested as suitable for Board membership.

X. List of fellows of the Council. Unfortunately, the Council has not revised its group of fellows for a good many years. Some of these may be desirable as younger material. All, at least, have some knowledge of the Council's work.

We, of course, want a Board which is both strong and representative. With so many vacancies it ought to be possible to observe both points. At a guess, I would say that the membership of the Board in the past has been about 65% white and 35% Negro. It would be better if the balance were more even. Important to represent as well as possible, church and religious interests, business, labor, the professions (including education), and active lay leadership of various sorts.

As to how many vacancies, here you are:

1. Forty to fifty members to be elected by the membership meeting May 14. These are the only nominations your committee has to worry itself with.

2. Chairmen of State Divisions, affiliated State committees, and the Virginia group (unaffiliated). At the present time these chairmen are:
   Florida--Davisson Dunlap
   Georgia--Rev. George E. Clary
   Alabama--Rev. Dan C. Whitsett
   Arkansas--Rev. Lewis H. Deer
   Kentucky--J. M. Tydings
   Louisiana--Rev. L. J. Twomey, S. J.
   Mississippi--John Long
   North Carolina--Rev. Leon Russell
   South Carolina--J. M. Dabbs
   Texas--Mrs. James S. Crate
   Virginia--Rev. W. Carroll Brooke

3. One person to be elected to SRC's Board from each of these Divisions or affiliated committees.

4. The officers of the Council (president; not to exceed four vice-presidents; counsel; executive director; and associate executive director, if any). These officers are as given in the attached list. However, there is, as always, a nominating committee to draw from the present Board to name officers of the Council to be elected by the Board at its meeting May 14. Naturally, we don't know who these officers will be.

5. That makes a total Board of:

50 members to be nominated by you and put up for election May 14
11 heads of State organizations
11 persons to be elected by State organizations
7 officers

79 Total

The States included in the Council's area are: Georgia, Florida, Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana, Texas, Arkansas, Oklahoma, Tennessee, Kentucky, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Virginia.

Oklahoma has no State Division, but we try to keep it represented on the Board. Tennessee has an inactive State Division. Should be represented. The Texas Commission on Race Relations and the Georgia Interracial Committee are affiliated with the Council. The Department of Christian Social Relations of the Virginia Council of Churches is, for technical reasons, unaffiliated, but works cooperatively with the Council, much as though it were affiliated. All other Southern States have State Divisions of SRC.

Here is a suggested procedure for each member of the nominating committee. Make your own list of those whom you would like to see on the final Board. Then when the nominating committee meets in Atlanta in the late afternoon of May 13, you can reach an agreed list. So please be busy with your lists. Or work it any way you choose.

If you need any advice from here, write us, or in an emergency, call collect.

LIST OF ALL PERSONS WHO HAVE SERVED ON THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS, 1944-1952

Name	Address	Term
Abram, Morris B.	Healey Bldg.,Atlanta, Ga.	1949-52
Alexander, Will W.	Route 3, Chapel Hill, N. C.	1944-52
Ashmore, Harry A.	Arkansas Gazette, Little Rock, Ark.	1951-55
Ames, Mrs. Jessie D.	Box 73, Tryon, N. C.	1944-49
Atwood, Rufus B.	State College, Frankfort, Ky.	1945-50
Beittel, A. D.	Talladega College, Talladega, Ala.	1949-51
Birnie, Mrs. C. M.	864 Hunter St., SW, Atlanta, Ga.	1949-53
Brown, Charlotte H.	Palmer Memorial Institute, Sedalia, N. C.	1944-53
Brown, Wilson M.	State Planters Bank, Richmond, Va.	1947-51
Butler, A. T.	1719 Taylor St., Columbia, S. C.	1949-53
Brav, Rabbi Stanley	9 Avon Fields Place, Cincinnati	1945-48
Burnham, Louis E.	526 Masonic Temple Bldg., Birmingham, Ala.	1945-49
Bond, Horace M.	Lincoln College, Pa.	1944-45
Bridges, Francis R., Jr.		1944
Carter, Hodding	504 Arnold Ave., Greenville, Miss.	1945-52
Christopher, Paul R.	216 Flatiron Bldg., Knoxville, Tenn.	1949-55
Clark, Felton	Southern University, Baton Rouge, La.	1946-50
Clary, Rev. G. E.	610 Victory Dr., Savannah, Ga.	1949-53
Clay, Emily	1020 Granada St., Clearwater, Fla.	1946-49
Clement, Rufus E.	Atlanta University, Atlanta, Ga.	1944-53
Clingman, Bishop Charles	421 S. 2nd St., Louisville, Ky.	1945-48
Coker, James L.	Sonoco Products, Hartsville, S. C.	1949-53
Cole, William E.	Univ. of Tennessee, Knoxville, Tenn.	1944-50
Comer, Donald W.	Avondale Mills, Birmingham, Ala.	1949-50
Crate, Mrs. James S.	2410 Inwood Dr., Houston, Texas	1949-52
Dabney, Virginius	Times-Dispatch, Richmond, Va.	1944-51
Dabbs, James M.	Mayesville, S. C.	1947-53
Daniel, R. P.	Fla. Natl. Bank Bldg., Jacksonville, Fla.	1945-49
Davidson, Herbert M.	News-Journal, Daytona Beach, Fla.	1948-52
Delpit, Ernest	3631 2nd St., New Orleans, La.	1944-48
Dent, A. W.	Dillard Univ., New Orleans, La.	1944-52
Duncan, O. D.	Oklahoma A&M College, Stillwater, Okla.	1944-52
Dunlap, Davisson	Barnett Bldg., Jacksonville, Fla.	1952-53
Deer, Rev. Lewis H.	Pulaski Heights Christian Church Little Rock, Ark.	1951-53
Easom, P. H.	Dept. of Education, Jackson, Miss.	1945-47
Ellison, J. M.	Virginia Union University, Richmond, Va.	1948-52
Foreman, Clark	935 G Pl., N.W., Washington, D.C.	1947-49
Gibbs, W. W.	816 Ingraham Bldg., Miami, Fla.	1951
Gillman, Charles H.	95 Merritts Ave., Atlanta, Ga.	1944-51
Goode, H. D.	405½ N. De Villiers, Pensacola, Fla.	1944-48
Griffin, John A.	Emory University, Ga.	1945-52
Haas, Leonard	Haas-Howell Bldg., Atlanta, Ga.	1944-52
Hamilton, Mrs. Grace T.	239 Auburn Ave., NE, Atlanta, Ga.	1944-51
Hancock, Gordon B.	Box 6056, Richmond, Va.	1944-52
Havens, Mrs. Henry	2845 Corinthian Ave., Jacksonville, Fla.	1944-49
Haworth, D. Swan	First Baptist Church, Lumberton, N. C.	1949-52
Henderson, Jacob R.	816 Playlane, NE, Atlanta, Ga.	1945-49
Herbert, R. B.	Palmetto Bldg., Columbia, S. C.	1944-47
Jackson, Luther P.	(Deceased) Petersburg, Va.	1944-49
Jackson, Maynard	437 Mitchell St., SW, Atlanta, Ga.	1945-49

Jaffe, Louis I.	(Deceased) Norfolk, Va.	1944-50
Jemison, Rev. D. V.	1605 Lapsley St., Selma, Ala.	1946-50
Johnson, Charles S.	Fisk University, Nashville, Tenn.	1944-52
Johnson, Guy B.	Box 652, Chapel Hill, N. C.	1951-55
Jones, David B.	Bennett College, Greensboro, N. C.	1946-50
Long, John	Southern Christian Institute, Edwards, Miss.	1949-52
Looby, Z. A.	419 4th Ave., N., Nashville, Tenn.	1944-48
Mantinband, Rabbi Charles	808 Mamie St., Hattiesburg, Miss.	1949-53
Marmion, Rev. W. H.	2612 W. 17th St., Wilmington, Del.	1947-50
Matherly, Walter J.	Univ. of Florida, Gainesville, Fla.	1944
May, Armand	Amer. Assoc. Cos., 451 Stephens, SW, Atlanta	1945-53
Mays, Benjamin E.	Morehouse College, Atlanta, Ga.	1944-52
Milner, Clyde	Guilford College, N. C.	1948-52
Milton, L. D.	212 Auburn Ave., NE, Atlanta, Ga.	1944-53
Mitchell, Arthur W.	Box 670, Petersburg, Va.	1950-54
Moore, Bishop Arthur J.	63 Auburn Ave., NE, Atlanta, Ga.	1944-51
Moron, Alonzo	Hampton Institute, Hampton, Va.	1949-53
Mynders, Alfred	Chattanooga Times, Chattanooga, Tenn.	1945-52
McDowell, E. A.	Southeastern Baptist Seminary, Wake Forest, N.C.	1944-49
McNamara, Msgr. T.J.	222 E. Harris St., Savannah, Ga.	1944-51
Newbold, N. C.	N.C. Dept. of Educ., Raleigh, N. C.	1944-52
O'Connell, Rev. V. J.	St. Louis Church, St. Paul, Minn.	1949-52
Odum, Howard W.	Univ. of N.C., Chapel Hill, N. C.	1945-52
O'Hara, Archbishop Gerald P.	222 E. Harris St., Savannah, Ga.	1944-50
Palmer, E. W.	Kingsport Press, Kingsport, Tenn.	1948-52
Parrish, C. H.	Univ. of Louisville, Louisville, Ky.	1945-53
Patterson, F. D.	Tuskegee Institute, Ala.	1944-53
Paty, Raymond	T.V.A., Knoxville, Tenn.	1944-50
Penick, Bishop E. A.	802 Hillsboro St., Raleigh, N. C.	1945-53
Pollard, J. C.	Sommers, Va.	1944-53
Preston, Edmund	Richmond, Va.	1944-45
Rainey, Homer P.	Stephens College, Mo.	1945-47
Rainey, Glenn W.	120 3rd St., NW, Atlanta, Ga.	1949-53
Raper, Arthur	Vienna, Va.	1948-52
Ratliff, Mrs. W. H.	Sherard, Miss.	1947-51
Ray, Edgar	Tampa Times, Tampa, Fla.	1946-50
Rayzor, Mrs. J. Newton	3207 Groveland Lane, Houston, Texas	1951-55
Reddix, Jacob L.	Jackson College, Jackson, Miss.	1944-48
Reid, Ira De A.	Haverford College, Haverford, Pa.	1944-48
Richardson, Harry V.	Gammon Theological Seminary, Atlanta, Ga.	1948-52
Robb, James L.	63 Auburn Ave., NE, Atlanta, Ga.	1944-45
Robinson, Mrs. E. U.	125 5th Ave., S., Franklin, Tenn.	1950-52
Rogers, G. D.	(Deceased), Tampa, Fla.	1944-51
Russell, Rev. Leon	Jarvis Memorial Church, Greenville, N.C.	1949-53
Russell, Rev. R. L.	(Deceased), Atlanta, Ga.	1944-50
Schaeffer, Rev. H. Brent	1525 Robinson St., Jackson, Miss.	1950-52
Seabrook, J.W.	Fayetteville, N. C.	1945-49
Shulhafer, Philip E.	2636 Dellwood Dr., NW, Atlanta, Ga.	1944-50
Smith, Charles	The Plains, Va.	1949-50
Spearman, Mrs. E. H.	1511 Laurel St., Columbia, S. C.	1945-53
Spencer, Frank W.	Box 136, Savannah, Ga.	1945-47

Staples, Thomas S.	Hendrix College, Conway, Ark.	1944-48
Stern, Edgar B.	2110 Amer. Bank Bldg., New Orleans, La.	1944-48
Strong, Mrs. A.M.P.	Box 503, Marianna, Ark.	1944-48
Stuart, J. G.	2030 Taylor St., Columbia, S. C.	1944-48
Sytz, Florence	Tulane University, New Orleans, La.	1944-52
Solomon, Crawford	Jacksonville Fla., 218 W. Church St.	1951-53
Thomas, L. E.	1035 N. W. 2nd Ave., Miami, Fla.	1951-54
Tilly, Mrs. M. E.	63 Auburn Ave., N.E., Atlanta, Ga.	1944
Twomey, Rev. L. J.	Loyola University, New Orleans, La.	1950-52
Trigg, Harold L.	St. Augustine's College, Raleigh, N. C.	1944-45 & 1947-55
Tydings, J. M.	808 Starks Bldg., Louisville, Ky.	1945-52
Washington, F. B.	Atlanta U. Sch. of Soc. Work, Atlanta, Ga.	1944-53
Wellons, R. D.	Pembroke, N. C.	1949-52
Wesley, Carter	Box 3086, Houston, Texas	1944-53
Wheeler, John H.	Mechanics & Farmers Bank, Durham, N. C.	1944-51
White, Goodrich C.	Emory University, Atlanta, Ga.	1944-50
Wilke, Rev. W. W.	2100 Wolfe St., Little Rock, Ark.	1950-51
Wilkins, Josephine	387 Milledge Ave., Athens, Ga.	1944-50 & 1950-54
Williams, John Page	5401 Tuckahoe Ave., Richmond, Va.	1951-54
Williams, Paul D.	3320 Gloucester Rd., Richmond, Va.	1944-55
Wright, Bishop R.R.	Philadelphia, Pa.	1948-52
Wright, Marion A.	Linville Falls, N. C.	1945-52
Wilcoxon, F. C.	Vicksburg, Miss.	1945-47
Williams, Aubrey	Southern Farm & Home, Montgomery, Ala.	1945-47
Whitsett, Rev. Dan C.	First Methodist Church, Sylacauga, Ala.	1951-53
Young, P. B.	Journal & Guide, Norfolk, Va.	1948-52
Zeuch, Mrs. Warren	850 Royal Palm Place, Vero Beach, Fla.	1945-53
Williams, Aubrey	Southern Farm & Home, Montgomery, Ala.	1944-50
Knight, Ryland	formerly of Atlanta	1944-
Lee, J. R. E.	(deceased), Tallahassee, Fla.	1944-

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*Dent, A. W.	Dillard University, New Orleans, La.	1944-52
Duncan, O. D.	Oklahoma A&M College, Stillwater, Okla.	1944-52
*Deer, Rev. Lewis H.	Pulaski Heights Christian Church, Little Rock	1951-52
*Dunlap, Davisson	Barnett Bldg., Jacksonville, Fla.	1953
Griffin, John A.	Emory University, Ga.	1945-53
*Haas, Leonard	Haas-Howell Bldg., Atlanta, Ga.	1944-52
*Hancock, Gordon B.	Box 6056, Richmond, Va.	1944-52
Haworth, D. Swan	First Baptist Church, Lumberton, N. C.	1949-52
Johnson, Charles S.	Fisk University, Nashville, Tenn.	1944-52
Johnson, Guy B.	Box 652, Chapel Hill, N. C.	1951-55
*Long, John	Southern Christian Inst., Edwards, Miss.	1949-52
Mantinband, Rabbi Charles	808 Mamie St., Hattiesburg, Miss.	1949-53
May, Armand	Amer. Assoc. Cos., 451 Stephens, Atlanta, Ga.	1945-53
Mays, Benajmin E.	Morehouse College, Atlanta, Ga.	1944-52
Milner, Clyde	Guilford College, N. C.	1948-52
Milton, L. D.	212 Auburn Ave., NE, Atlanta, Ga.	1944-53
Mitchell, Arthur W.	Box 670, Petersburg, Va.	1950-54
Moron, Alonzo	Hampton Institute, Hampton, Va.	1949-53
*Mynders, Alfred	Chattanooga Times, Chattanooga, Tenn.	1945-52
McDowell, E. A.	Sou. Baptist Theolog. Seminary, Wake Forest, N. C.	1944-53
Newbold, N. C.	N. C. Dept. of Educ., Raleigh, N. C.	1944-52
Odum, Howard W.	U. of N. C., Chapel Hill, N. C.	1945-52
Palmer, E. W.	Kingsport Press, Kingsport, Tenn.	1948-52
Parrish, C. H.	U. of Louisville, Louisville, Ky.	1945-53
Patterson, F. D.	Tuskegee Institute, Ala.	1944-53
Penick, Bishop E. A.	802 Hillsboro St., Raleigh, N. C.	1945-53
Pollard, J. G.	Sommers, Va.	1944-53
Rainey, Glenn W.	120 3rd St., NW, Atlanta, Ga.	1949-53
Raper, Arthur	Vienna, Va.	1948-52
Rayzor, Mrs. J. Newton	3207 Groveland Lane, Houston, Texas	1951-55
Richardson, Harry V.	Gammon Theological Seminary, Atlanta, Ga.	1948-52
Robinson, Mrs. E. U.	Franklin, Tenn.	1950-52
*Russell, Rev. Leon	Jarvis Memorial Church, Greenville, N. C.	1949-53
Spearman, Mrs. E. H.	1511 Laurel St., Columbia, S. C.	1945-53
*Mitchell, George S.	63 Auburn Ave., NE, Atlanta, Ga.	1947-53

* Ex-officio members

Sytz, Florence	Tulane University, New Orleans, La.	1944-52
Thomas, L. E.	1035 N.W. 2nd Ave., Miami, Fla.	1951-54
*Twomey, Rev. L. J.	Loyola University, New Orleans, La.	1950-52
Trigg, Harold L.	St. Augustine's College, Raleigh, N. C.	1944-45 & 1947-55
*Tydings, J. M.	808 Starks Bldg., Louisville, Ky.	1945-52
Washington, F. B.	Atlanta U. Sch. of Soc. Work, Atlanta, Ga.	1944-53
Wellons, F. D.	Pembroke, N. C.	1949-52
*Wesley, Carter	Box 3086, Houston, Texas	1944-53
Wilkins, Josephine	387 Milledge Ave., Athens, Ga.	1944-50 & 1952-54
Williams, John Page	5401 Tuckahoe Ave., Richmond, Va.	1951-54
Williams, Paul D.	3320 Gloucester Rd., Richmond, Va.	1944-55
*Wright, Marion A.	Linville Falls, N. C.	1945-52
*Whitsett, Rev. Dan C.	First Methodist Church Sylacauga, Ala.	1951-52
Young, P. B.	Journal & Guide, Norfolk, Va.	1948-52
Zeuch, Mrs. Warren	850 Royal Palm Place, Vero Beach, Fla.	1945-53

* Ex-officio members

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BOARD MEMBERS WHOSE/TERMS EXPIRE 1952 OR 1953

Will.W. Alexander	Rufus E. Clement	Charles S. Johnson
Charlotte H. Brown	O. D. Duncan	Armand May
Hodding Carter	John A. Griffin	Benjamin E. Mays
C. H. Parrish	Mrs. E. H. Spearman	L. D. Milton
F. D. Patterson	Florence Sytz	E. A. McDowell
Bishop E. A. Penick	F. B. Washington	N. C. Newbold
J. G. Pollard	Mrs. Warren Zeuch	Howard W. Odum

FORMER BOARD MEMBERS WHO HAVE RESIGNED

Mrs. Jessie Daniel Ames, 1949
Emily Clay, 1949
Donald Comer, 1950
Virginius Dabney, 1951
P. H. Easom, 1947
R. B. Herbert, 1947
James L. Robb, 1945
J. W. Seabrook, 1949
Frank W. Spencer, 1947
F. C. Wilcoxon, 1947
Aubrey Williams, 1950

PERSONS ELECTED TO THE BOARD WHO DID NOT ACCEPT

E. L. Abercrombie, Atlanta, Georgia, 1949
Barry Bingham, Louisville, Kentucky, 1945 and 1948
Jonathan Daniels, Raleigh, N. C., 1948
Mark Etheridge, Louisville, Kentucky, 1948
Gordon Gray, Chapel Hill, N. C., 1945
Watts Hill, North Carolina, 1945
Alexander Kline, Clarksdale, Mississippi, 1951
Archbishop R. M. Lucey, San Antonio, Texas, 1944
Jennings Perry, Nashville, Tennessee, 1946
Mrs. E. J. Rauschkolb, Little Rock, Arkansas, 1951
Webster Rhoads, Richmond, Virginia, 1950
A. Maceo Smith, Dallas, Texas, 1951
Lillian Smith, Clayton, Georgia, 1944
Edgar B. Stern, New Orleans, Louisiana, declined re-election in 1948
Louis Strauss
J. Waties Waring, New York City (formerly of Charleston, S. C.), 1948
Ed H. Weyler, Louisville, Kentucky, 1951
T. Wilson Wilmer, Richmond, Virginia, 1944

FORMER BOARD MEMBERS WHO HAVE MOVED OUT OF THE REGION

Horace M. Bond, 1945
Stanley Brav, 1948
Louis Burnham, 1949
Clark Foreman, 1949
Ira DeA. Reid, 1948
Ryland Knight
W. H. Marmion, 1950
Rev. V. J. O'Connell, 1952
Homer P. Rainey, 1947

PRESENT OFFICERS OF SRC

Marion A. Wright, president
Gordon B. Hancock, vice-president
Alfred Mynders, vice-president
Carter Wesley, vice-president
A. W. Dent, vice-president
Leonard Haas, counsel
George S. Mitchell, executive director

INCORPORATORS OF SRC

Rufus E. Clement
Ralph McGill, Atlanta Constitution
Bishop Arthur J. Moore
Charles S. Johnson
Howard W. Odum

PERSONS WHO HAVE RECENTLY BEEN SUGGESTED AS SUITABLE FOR BOARD MEMBERSHIP

Georgia

Blanton Fortson, retired federal judge at Athens. Notably strong in defense of popular rights.
Dr. W. A. Mason, Negro public health official, Atlanta.
Thomas W. Culpepper, head of Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters, Atlanta
J. McDowell Richards, president of Columbia Theological Seminary, Decatur

Mississippi

Bethany Swearingen
Mrs. Lillian Rogers Johnson

North Carolina

Don Shoemaker, editor, leading Asheville newspaper

South Carolina

E. C. Wall

Tennessee

Mrs. Moses Cantor, religious lay leader, Johnson City

HONORARY FELLOWS

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL

September 12, 1951

ALABAMA		Total	N
Dr. Charles Gomillion (N) Tuskegee Institute Tuskegee Institute	Mr. Ernest Neal (N) Tuskegee Institute Tuskegee Institute		
Mrs. Effie Morten Goode (N) 20 S. Hallett St. Mobile	Rev. Dan C. Whitsett (W) 105 E. Spring St. Sylacauga	6	4

ARKANSAS			
Mr. Paul Clanton (W) Box 778 Pine Bluff	Mr. Edward D. Robinson (N) Principal, Blevins Training School, Box 104 Blevins		
Dr. John R. Ewbank (W) Philander Smith College Little Rock	Dr. Stephen A. Stephan (W) Dept of Sociology University of Arkansas Fayetteville		
Dr. W. H. Pipes (N) 1110 Izard St. Little Rock	Miss Sadye Thompson (N) Little Rock Urban League 914 Gaines St. Little Rock	6	3

FLORIDA			
Mr. L. I. Alexander (N) 614 Broad St. Jacksonville	Mr. James A. Greene (N) Principal, Lewis Jr. H. S. Jacksonville		
	Mrs. E. P. Mulcahy (W) 1836 Naldo Avenue Jacksonville 7	4	3

GEORGIA	
Rev. Robert Ayers (W) 204 Leconte Hall University of Georgia Athens	Dr. Mozell C. Hill (N) Dept. of Sociology Atlanta University Atlanta

GEORGIA

	Total	N	W
Mrs. Lyn Keyes (W) 411 S. 8th St. Griffin			
Mr. Alexander Miller (W) Anti-Defamation League 11 Pryor St., S. W. Atlanta			
Dr. John W. Morgan (W) Georgia State College for Women Milledgeville			
Mr. Robert A. Thompson (N) Atlanta Urban League 239 Auburn Ave., N. E. Atlanta			
Mr. Harry B. Williams (W) Board of Control for Southern Regional Education 830 W. Peachtree, N. W. Atlanta			
Mr. Leo J. Zuber (W) 2794 N. Decatur Rd. Decatur	8	2	6

KENTUCKY

Mr. Norman Fenn (W) Box 584 Berea College Berea			
Mr. Harold S. Smith (N) Kentucky State College Frankfort			
Mr. E. W. Whiteside (N) Principal, Lincoln High Paducah			
Mr. G. D. Wilson (W) Louisville Municipal College 3344 Grand Ave. Louisville	4	3	1

LOUISIANA

Miss Mary B. Allen (W) 6926 Willow St. New Orleans			
Dr. Leander L. Boykin (W) Box 9390 Southern Univ., Southern P. O. Baton Rouge			
Rev. Jerome A. Drolet (W) St. Charles Church RFD 236 Thibodeaux			
Rev. Joseph H. Fichter, S. J. (W) Dept. of Sociology Loyola University of the South New Orleans			
Dr. Clarence E. Glick (W) Tulane University New Orleans 15			
Rev. Henry W. Havens, Jr. (W) Trinity Church 1329 Jackson Ave. New Orleans			
Dean Aguinaldo Lenoir (N) Southern Univ., Southern P. O. Baton Rouge	7	1	6

MISSISSIPPI	Total	N	W
Dr. Dorothy Dickins (W) Miss. Agricultural Experiment Station State College			
Miss Arenia Mallory (N) Saints Industrial and Literary School Lexington			
Dr. P. W. Hill (N) P. O. Box 547 Clarksdale			
Dr. V. L. Wharton (W) Millsaps College Jackson	4	2	2

NORTH CAROLINA			
Dr. William H. Brown (N) North Carolina College Durham			
Mr. Howard Kester (W) Campbell Folk School Brasstown			
Mr. S. E. Duncan (N) State Dept. of Public Instruction Raleigh			
Mr. John R. Larkins (N) Consultant on Negro Work N. C. State Board of Charities and Public Welfare Raleigh			
Miss Eva L. Frazer (N) 121 E. South Street Raleigh			
Dr. Gordon Lovejoy (W) 2815 Bedford Ave. Raleigh			
Mr. Cyrus M. Johnson Bunn			
Mr. Asa T. Spaulding (N) North Carolina Life Insurance Durham			
Mr. R. E. Jones (N) A & T College Box 68 Greensboro			
Mr. George Stephens (W) 48 Walnut Street Asheville	10	6	4

OKLAHOMA			
Dr. Paul B. Foreman (W) Dept. of Sociology Oklahoma A & M College Stillwater			
Mrs. Cenoria D. Johnson (N) Oklahoma City Urban League 300 Siles Street Oklahoma City			
Mr. Jimmy Stewert (N) 627 N. E. 6th Street Oklahoma City	3	2	1

SOUTH CAROLINA

	Total	N	W
Mrs. Jessie N. Boyd (W) 442 Union St. Spartanburg			
Miss Cassandra Maxwell Birnie (N) 721 Russell St., N. E. Orangeburg			
Mr. Arthur Clement (N) N. C. Mutual Life Ins. Co. Station A, Box 36			
Mr. Howard C. McClain (W) 116 S. Saluda St. Columbia			
Dr. Dorothy Jones (W) Dept. of Sociology Box 42, Winthrop College Rock Hill			
Mr. John F. Potts (N) Director, Avery Institute Charleston			
Mr. Paul Webber (N) S. C. State College Orangeburg	7	4	3

TENNESSEE

	Total	N	W
Mr. J. H. Daves (N) TVA 404 Commercial National Bank Building Knoxville			
Mrs. Lettie S. Galloway (N) 18th Avenue Community Center 1621 - 18th Avenue Nashville 8			
Dr. Merle Eppse (N) Tennessee A & T College Nashville			
Miss Josephine Hamilton (W) Church Hill			
Mr. Abbott L. Ferris (W) Box 1164 Vanderbilt University Nashville			
Mr. George F. Hull (W) Photographer, Chattanooga Times Chattanooga			
Dr. Harold West (N) Meharry Medical College Nashville	7	4	3

TEXAS

	Total	N	W
Mrs. Pauline Watkins Campbell (N) Box 242 Huntsville			
Mr. Jewel Tatum (N) Mary Allen College Crockett			
Dr. R. C. Koeninger (W) Dept. of Sociology Sam Houston State Teachers Huntsville			
Mr. Jackson Valtair (W) 5201 Belmont Street Dallas			
Dr. E. B. Perry (N) Rm. 223-224, Pilgrim Building Houston 3			
Dr. C. R. Yerwood (N) 1115 Twelfth Street State Dept. of Health Austin	6	4	2

VIRGINIA	Total	N	W
Mr. W. Barton Beatty, Jr. (N) Director of Public Relations Hampton Institute Hampton			
Mr. Harold DeWitt (N) Industrial Secty., Urban League 902 St. James Street Richmond			
Mrs. Nathan Lantor (W) Box 528 South Boston			
Mr. Roscoe E. Lewis (N) Hampton Institute Hampton			
Mr. Henry Liscio (W) 811 Cathedral Place Richmond			
Mr. Harry W. Roberts (N) Virginia State College Petersburg	6	4	2

OTHER STATES			
Mr. William Y. Bell, Jr. (N) c/o N. Y. Ethical Culture Society 2 West 64th Street New York, New York			
Dr. John Hope Franklin (N) Howard University Washington, D. C.			
Dr. Ruth T. Brett (N) c/o AF SC 20 S. 12th St. Philadelphia, Pennsylvania			
Dr. Flemmie Kittrell (N) Home Economics Dept. Howard University Washington, D. C.			
Mr. Allyn F. Robinson (W) Suite 1501, 381 4th Avenue New York 16, New York			
Mr. Harry W. Wright (N) Apt. 5 E New York, New York	6	5	1

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Same letter to all SRC Board Members

April 14, 1953

Mrs. Warren Zeuch
850 Royal Palm Place
Vero Beach, Florida

Dear Board Member:

The Board of Directors of the Southern Regional Council will meet in the Board Room at Atlanta University on Wednesday, May 13, at 10:00 a.m. Address: 223 Chestnut St., SW, Atlanta.

Expenses will be paid. Please try your best to be present for the Board meeting and to stay over for the membership meeting next day.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

P.S. Please return the enclosed card to let us know that you will come.

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WARREN T. ZEUCH
REALTOR
VERO BEACH, FLORIDA
2102 PONCE DE LEON CIRCLE

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HARRY M. CURZON
SALES REPRESENTATIVE

November 27, 1945.

Mr. Guy B. Johnson,
Executive Director,
Southern Regional Council, Inc.,
Room 432,
63 Auburn Avenue, N.E.,
Atlanta 3, Georgia.

My dear Mr. Johnson:

Thank you for your letter of November 20th.

I am honored to be elected to the Board of Governors and I will accept the position assuring you of my participation and cooperation in the service.

I regret that I could not get to the annual meeting but I shall be prepared for such a contingency in the future.

I want to suggest two names for proposed membership in the Southern Regional Council. These two people are interested in the work but have never been members of the Florida Committee or of the SRC. The names are, Mrs. Graves Wilhoit, 34th Avenue, Vero Beach, Florida, and, Rev. W. Russell Daniel, 2130 Ponce de Leon Circle, Vero Beach, Florida.

Sincerely yours,

Dorothy L. Zeuch

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Mrs. Warren T. Zeuch

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SPC Board Membership

November 20, 1945

Mrs. Warren Zeuch
Vero Beach
Florida

Dear Mrs. Zeuch:

It is my pleasure to inform you that at a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Southern Regional Council on November 14, you were elected to membership on the Board for a term of four years. I sincerely hope that you will accept this election and that you will give the Council the benefit of your wisdom as a member of its Board of Directors.

For your information the Board holds two regular meetings annually. One of these is held on the day preceding the annual meeting of members and the other is held immediately on the adjournment of the annual meeting. The time of the annual meeting is the second Wednesday in November. Special meetings of the Board may be called from time to time. The Council bears expenses of Board members when they attend meetings.

Again let me say that we hope that you will accept service on the Board of Directors. May we hear from you soon.

Cordially yours,

GUY B. JOHNSON,
Executive Director

GBJ:MS

April 21, 1953

Rev. John Page Williams
Church Schools in the Diocese of Virginia
110 W. Franklin St.
Richmond 20, Va.

Dear Page:

We are mighty sorry to lose you; you have been valued, I assure you, as a member of the Board.

We want always to have the warmest relationship with the Department of Christian Social Relations of the Virginia Council of Churches, and will count on you to help us keep up that connection.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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FOR BOYS

ST. CHRISTOPHER'S SCHOOL
RICHMOND

ST. STEPHEN'S SCHOOL
ALEXANDRIA

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CHURCH SCHOOLS IN THE DIOCESE OF VIRGINIA
110 WEST FRANKLIN STREET
RICHMOND 20, VIRGINIA

FOR GIRLS

ST. CATHERINE'S SCHOOL
RICHMOND

ST. ANNE'S SCHOOL
CHARLOTTESVILLE

ST. MARGARET'S SCHOOL
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April 15, 1953

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Mr. George S. Mitchell,
Southern Regional Council, Inc.,
63 Auburn Avenue, N.E.,
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear George,

Thank you for the notice of the meeting on May 14th. I have been a little fearful that I would have a notice from you soon about a meeting which I should ~~have to~~ attend and that I would have to write that I did not see how I could fit a trip to Atlanta into my program.

The truth of the matter is that I have had to face the fact that I am involved in a few too many meetings and must eliminate some if I am to do the work I am hired to do.

I wish that I could hold on to working with your organization for I think it is tremendously important for us today. I am sure, however, that you are conscious of the manifold problems of the independent schools and colleges and of the extremely difficult work of developing a genuinely Christian program of education. My first concern is for church school education and I must do more to concentrate on that.

I am therefore, with genuine regret, submitting my resignation.

Sincerely yours,

John P. Williams

JPW:hc

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February 5, 1952

Mr. John Page Williams
110 W. Franklin St.
Richmond 20, Va.

Dear Page:

Many thanks. We will be mighty glad to have you.

For a bonus I send you two copies of the manual we have just got out (to be released February 13) on police matters. Emerson Smith, as you know, has bought $50 worth to be distributed in Virginia.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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CHURCH SCHOOLS IN THE DIOCESE OF VIRGINIA
110 WEST FRANKLIN STREET
RICHMOND 20, VIRGINIA

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Mr. George S. Mitchell,
Southern Regional Council, Inc.,
Room 432, 63 Auburn Ave., N.E.,
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear George,

Thank you very much for your letter of December 18th. I am greatly embarrassed that it got lost between home and office and I have not before now answered it.

I am indeed honored to be able to accept the membership on the Board of Directors. I have always felt the Southern Regional Council offered the best chance to do the kind of work which must be done in many areas of life in the South.

I look forward to seeing you from time to time.

Sincerely yours,

John Page Williams

JPW:hc

December 18, 1951

Mr. John Page Williams
5401 Tuckahoe Ave.
Richmond 26, Va.

Dear Page:

The membership meeting of the Council last week gave itself the honor of adding you to the Board of Directors. I do hope that will have your approval.

They elected also Harry Ashmore, who runs the Arkansas Gazette; the lone Southern judge, Mr. L. E. Thomas of Miami; Paul Christopher of the CIO in Tennessee; an AF of L man named Ed Weyler in Louisville; and Paul Williams, Guy Johnson, Harold Trigg. Also Josephine Wilkins of Atlanta; Rabbi Alexander Kline of Clarksdale, Mississippi; Maceo Smith, Negro housing official of Dallas; Ben J. Massell, a big real estate man in Atlanta; and two church women leaders, one Mrs. Rauschkolb of Little Rock and one Mrs. Raynor of Houston. There were another twelve or fifteen vacancies, but it was decided to keep the Board at something like its present membership of 55 or so.

We adopted a statement of principles and aims. Copy herewith.

Board members are supposed to serve for four years, but I confess the exact term you are being fitted into is not yet known until I can dig out some very complicated schedules and get them approved by the Executive Committee. But anyhow, you are a Board member for three or four years to come if that's all right with you.

I don't think it involves anything onerous. You are supposed to come to a meeting once a year. We have in the past always found it possible to pay the expenses of the Board members and I hope can keep on doing that well.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:ec

November eleven, 1953

Mr Hodding Carter
DELTA DEMOCRAT
Greenville, Mississippi

Dear Mr Carter:

The last annual meeting of the membership of the Council, acting under revised by-laws, elected a new Board of fifty persons chosen at the meeting, plus the officers, plus two to come from each State organization. Of the acceptances so far received, the enclosed is a list.

The Nominating Committee had a difficult time in getting the names down to fifty and in the process, with reluctance, did not put back on the Board some of our firmest friends who have been on it off and on heretofore. The thought was that you would give us your friendship straight through and that we ought to bring on quite a number of new people.

So I have the unhappy duty of writing you that your term expired in 1953. But we are continuingly grateful for your care for the Council's progress.

Sincerely yours

George S Mitchell
Executive Director

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Same to:

Charlotte Brown, Palmer Institute - Sedalia, N C

A T Butler, 2411 Laurel St, Columbia, S C

Rev D S Haworth, Lumberton, S C

Armand May, American Associated Companies, Atlanta

Arthur W Mitchell, Box 670, Petersburg, Virginia

N C Newbold, 129 W Park Dr, Raleigh, N C

John G Pollard, Belle Isle Farm, Sommers, Virginia

Glen W Rainey, Georgia Tech. - Atlanta

Forrester Washington, A U School of Social Work - Atlanta

R D Wellons, Pembroke State College, Pembroke, N C

Mrs Warren Zeuch, Vero Beach, Florida

May 25, 1953

Dr. O. D. Duncan
Oklahoma A. & M. College
Stillwater, Okla.

Dear Dr. Duncan:

Thank you for your letter of May 20th and the travel voucher. Enclosed is our check for $116.92 to cover your expenses for attendance at the meetings.

Thank you for sending the names of members whom you wish covered by your check. I will send to each of them a letter telling that you have given the membership, a sample copy of New South and a folder about the Council.

It was good to have you with us for the meetings. I'm sure that our enthusiasm was due in good part to the fact that, for once, we had representation from all over the region. I hope that this will be true from now on.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Katherine Stoney,
Secretary-Treasurer

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Oklahoma
Agricultural and Mechanical College
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY AND RURAL LIFE
STILLWATER

May 20, 1953

Southern Regional Council
63 Auburn Avenue , N. E.
c/o Miss Katherine Stoney
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Miss Stoney:

According to your instructions, I enclose a statement of my expenses while attending the recent meeting in Atlanta.

You will note that the account covers two days in Atlanta, one for the Board of Directors' meeting, and one for the general meeting. I am not sure that it is either right or intended that I claim expenses for the second day. It will be easy, however, for you to deduct one day at the hotel and the price of three meals. The railroad and bus fares will be the same in either case. I thought it would be easier to include the whole thing and make the deduction, if that is right. Whatever you say will satisfy me.

While I am writing, you will recall that I left you a check in the amount of $15.00. After I had done that, there was a decision made that in case anyone paid more than his own membership, the additional memberships be assigned to someone else in the state of his residence. If that is the way you desire it, I suggest that you assign four of my memberships to the following persons:

Mr. Elmer T. Peterson,
Daily Oklahoman
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Mr. Ken Miller, News Director
Radio Station KVOO
Tulsa, Oklahoma

Mr. Lee A. Ward, Principal
Washington School
Stillwater, Oklahoma

Rev. John W. Coleman, Dean
School of Religion, Langston University
Langston, Oklahoma

Kindly let me know when I can be of further service.

Sincerely yours,

O. D. Duncan

O. D. Duncan.

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Ken Miller
Lee A Ward
John W. Coleman

Duncan, O.D

W) WK Sth & N.S. May '53

June 5, 1953

Mr. Elmer T. Peterson
Daily Oklahoman
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Dear Mr. Peterson:

This membership in the Southern Regional Council comes to you as a gift from Dr. O. D. Duncan of Stillwater. He is a Board Member of the Council, and believing that you will be interested in our work, has asked that we enroll you for a year.

The enclosed brochure will tell you what the Council is and does. Your membership includes a subscription to our monthly bulletin, NEW SOUTH, a copy of which is also enclosed.

We welcome you to membership in the Council. If you would like more information, we will be glad to send it.

Sincerely yours,

Katherine Stoney,
Secretary-Treasurer

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THE METHODIST CHURCH
EDITORIAL DIVISION-BOARD OF EDUCATION
810 BROADWAY, NASHVILLE 2, TENNESSEE

HENRY M. BULLOCK
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

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June 16, 1959

Mr. George S. Mitchell
Southern Regional Council
Room 432, 63 Auburn Ave., N. E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Mr. Mitchell:

I sincerely appreciate the interest of the Southern Regional Council in considering me for the Board of Directors. However, I find that the obligations of my present work involve me in so much committee work already, and I have such a completely filled calendar, that I would not be a satisfactory member of the board. Therefore, I must ask you to withdraw my name for any consideration for this important work.

Sincerely yours,

Henry M. Bullock

Henry M. Bullock

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Mechanics and Farmers Bank

Durham, North Carolina

JOHN H. WHEELER
PRESIDENT

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Mr. Harold C. Fleming
Director of Information
SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, Inc.
Room 432 - 63 Auburn Avenue, NE
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Mr. Fleming:

Some time ago we exchanged correspondence relative to an article for the NEW SOUTH and it was my understanding that you were extending the deadline for my manuscript to September 15.

The urgency of a number of matters pertaining to our work is such that I find it difficult to work at this item as I had planned. I shall be greatly pleased, therefore, if you will be kind enough to release me from this assignment, inasmuch as I do not believe I could do a good job within the time allotted.

Sincerely yours,

J. H. Wheeler, President

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JOHN H. WHEELER
PRESIDENT

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Mr. Harold C. Fleming
Director of Information
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
Room 432 - 63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Mr. Fleming:

This will acknowledge your recent letter relative to the article which Mr. Wright asked me to prepare for the NEW SOUTH.

After looking over my schedule for the next few weeks, it seems doubtful that I shall be able to complete an article for your August 1 deadline. If you are interested in something for the following issue, please let me know and I shall do my best to prepare an article dealing with present employment patterns as they will affect our southern economy in the future.

Sincerely yours,

J. H. Wheeler, President

JHW:c

7/8/53
Wrote we will hope for NS by mid-September
HCF

June 18, 1953

Mr. John H. Wheeler, President
Mechanics and Farmers Bank
Durham, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Wheeler:

Mr. Wright has written us that you might be willing to undertake an article for New South, depending on the deadline.

We should be delighted, of course, to have an article by you at any time you could manage it. But for this one to be most effective in the way Mr. Wright hoped, we should have it by August 1, or August 15 at the latest.

We are often guilty, I'm afraid, of asking people like yourself with heavy business and civic commitments to assume the added chore of a New South article. However, that is the only way we can get the best points-of-view before the South. Do tell us that you will take it on.

With kindest personal regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Director of Information

cc: Mr. Marion A. Wright

Mechanics and Farmers Bank
Durham, North Carolina

JOHN H. WHEELER
PRESIDENT

May 28 1953

Mr. Marion A. Wright, President
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
"Top Knot"
Linville Falls, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Wright:

This will acknowledge your recent letter suggesting that I might write an article for the NEW SOUTH.

In recent months my schedule has been so crowded that it has been difficult for me to keep up with the many things which I have been trying to do.

If you will advise me how soon you would need to have the article, I will be in better position to say whether I can prepare it in time for your deadline.

I was sorry to have missed the annual meeting and wish to assure you that my interest in the work of the Council is as strong as ever.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

J. H. Wheeler

JHW:c

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August 27, 1953.

Dr. Rufus E. Clement
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Ga.

Dear Mr. Clement:

Early this year at a meeting of the Executive Committee you were kind enough to offer to write out to various Methodist church groups and try to get the Southern Regional Council into their budgets.

Such aid is most dependable and helpful, and I do hope you can succeed in getting various of the bodies interested in us in that way.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:ec

January 8, 1953

Dr. Rufus E. Clement
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Ga.

Dear Mr. Clement:

If I can serve clerically in any way to help you with letters to some of the various Methodist church groups about getting into their budgets, I will, of course, be at your service. Kind of you to offer to make that effort.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:ec

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SEP 8
Southern Regional Council

September 4, 1953

Miss Katherine Stoney
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Miss Stoney:

Thank you for your letters of August 10 and August 17. I appreciate your interest in the question which I raised with you, and I hope that I have not appeared ungrateful for the service which you rendered.

I have talked with one of the members of the Secretarial Association here at the Institute, and have received the information that the name of the organization in which they are concerned is the National Secretarial Association of which Mrs. Mary Barrett is the president. Headquarters is at 4802 5th Avenue, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Whatever information you may be able to secure concerning this organization and its objectives and structure will be appreciated.

I hope that your experiences during the past few weeks have been pleasurable. I regret that I did not see you on your trip to Tuskegee, if you and the group of business women were able to make the trip. We shall be very glad to see you, if you should find it convenient to return.

Sincerely yours,

C. G. Gomillion
Dean of Students

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September 14, 1953

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SEP 15
Southern Regional Council

Dr. George S. Mitchell
Executive Director
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Dr. Mitchell:

Thank you for your note of September 8 and for the clipping from the New York Times which you enclosed. I am referring the clipping to Mr. Louis J. Simmons, Professor of Forestry, for investigation as to the possibility to get someone to take advantage of the available fellowship. Thank you for calling this to my attention.

Very truly yours,

C. G. Gomillion
Dean of Students

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September 14, 1953.

Mr. George S. Mitchell
Room 432, 63 Auburn Ave. N.E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Sir:

Thank you for your kind invitation to serve on the Board of Directors of the Southern Regional Conference. I appreciate the honor, and will be happy to serve. I am very busy, but I am intensely interested in the problems with which the Southern Regional Council is concerned, and I want to help in any way possible. I will look forward to the Annual Board meeting, and the opportunity of meeting others who serve on the Board. In the meantime if I can be of any help just let me know.

Trusting that you have a good year, with success in all your undertakings,

I remain

Sincerely

Mrs. W. F. Bates
Mrs. W.F.Bates

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September 21, '53

Dear O. D.,

You are kindness itself to offer to turn all wheels for my Oklahoma visit. I've written to Chattanooga for the schedule of the Labor School's classes, and it is pretty tough. Straight through, from 8.30 till 11.25, and then each afternoon from 1.15 to 4.10. I can't know until I get there whether they will schedule me for each of the two afternoon teaching hours, but expect they will, and if they do I'm sunk on getting to Stillwater for any afternoon teaching.

It is still true that nothing is scheduled for Monday evening and Wednesday evning, October 5 and 7.

Suppose we say that if when I get there and my schedule is complete it appears that I can clearly make it in time for a 2.00 P.M. Class on Wednesday (Vandiver's) or even for certain for Sutker's 3.00 P.M. on Wednesday I'll telephone you and ask you to get someone to come down and fetch me up for the afternoon's teaching at Stillwater. But if no such arrangement possible, we would just have to skip the afternoon teaching.

I could undertake to go to Stillwater anyway for the Wednesday evening, arriving by some conveyance by say 7.30 P.M., at your door. If there were eight or nine students thereabouts I could gladly talk with them. Or if you would prefer to arrange even a small gathering in Oklohoma city for the Wednesday night (or the Monday night if that should be more suitable) O.K. I haven't much hopes of getting a live SRC Chapter in Oklahoma City, but if you would make the effort I'd be might grateful for the chance to talk with some of the useful people.

Anyway, I'll call you on Monday the 5th, and get word of what you prefer to have me do.

Warmly,

Dear Mr. Mitchell:

The following is the schedule for the Southern AFL Labor School, daily:

7:15	to 8:15 a.m.	Breakfast
8:30	to 9:25	1st class
9:30	to 10:25	2nd "
10:30	to 11:25	3rd "
12 noon	to 1:00 p.m.	Lunch
1:15	to 2:10	4th "
2:15	to 3:10	5th "
3:15	to 4:10	6th "
4:10	to 6:30	Recreation
6:30	to 7:30	Supper

8:00 to 9:30 evening program on Sunday, Tuesday and Thursday only (Monday and Wednesday to be open).

I hope this helps you with what you wanted to know.

Sincerely,

Pearl Graves,
Secretary to Mr.
Stanton E. Smith

Oklahoma
Agricultural and Mechanical College
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY AND RURAL LIFE
STILLWATER

September 16, 1953

RECEIVED
SEP 18
Southern Regional Council

Dr. George S. Mitchell
Room 432, 63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Dr. Mitchell:

This is to reply to your letter of September 9, informing us that you will be in ths vicinity of this institution(I do not dare to use the name of the place where you will be) on October 4-9, and that you hope to see some of us.

By checking the schedule, I find that Dr. J. S. Vandiver has a course on "The Negro in America" which will be running on the MWF-2:00, p. m., days, and it is followed by Dr. Solomon Sutker with a class in "Cultural Change" at 3:00, p. m., on the same days. Of course, Dr. Vandiver's class would be ideal, if you could make it by 2:00 o'clock on Mondays and Wednesdays, either or both. I feel confident that it can be arranged.

When you come out here, are you planning to have your own car? If not, maybe some of us could meet you and bring you up. It is about 90 miles down to Norman(that is where a state mental hospital is located), and it takes almost three hours to drive it, unless one knows how to by-pass Oklahoma City. There is a bus out of here at about 10 o'clock at night, but I do not know about the connections down to Norman. There was a time when there were interurban trains between the City and Norman, but these have been discontinued. The trolley company had the franchise on traffic between the two places, and the other companies could neither receive nor deliver passengers at Norman. They Interurban has been discontinued now, and I am not informed if they run buses or not. There must be some way to get transportion, however, besides on the Santa Fe Railroad.

I was only joking about refusing to mention the University of Oklahoma. The football season is coming up, as you know, and the rivalry between the two schools is keen, with A. & M. usually coming out at the small end of the horn. The fellows down there are my friends. They came up to my Rural Sociological Society meeting last week and supported me in fine fashion.

We want to see you, in any event, when you come to Norman. It will be easier for you to get around, of course, if you have your own car. If not, we shall be glad to give you a hand in getting up here. We shall be glad to hear from you again.

Incidentally, I wish it might be possible for us to meet a group in Oklahoma City on one of those afternoons, even if only a small group, and to see if we could get organized an Oklahoma Committee of the Council. I do not know how easy it would be to do that. I do not have too many contacts there, to begin with, especially with people who are interested in interracial problems. I might induce some of the preachers to join with us, and possibly the Negro newspaper editor, Mr. Roscoe Dunjee. If we could get together with no more than a dozen people, it might be helpful. You might think it over, and pass along any suggestion. Sincerely,

O. Douglas Weeks

September 9, 1953

Professor O. D. Duncan
Oklahoma A&M College
Stillwater, Okla.

Dear Mr. Duncan:

The Southern AF of L forces will hold at the University of Oklahoma, Extension Division, North Campus, at Norman from Sunday, October 4, through Friday, October 9 of this year their second AF of L Labor School. They asked me to teach at the one they had last year in Florida, and I did so, and am to come back to this one. I give them civil rights, which is, for program purposes, "Special Problems of Organizing Southern Workers."

According to the schedule, Monday afternoon and evening and Wednesday afternoon and evening (say, from about 2:30 or 3:00 on) are free of any program.

This will be my first trip to Oklahoma, and I'm anxious to find out as much as I can.

I will gladly come up to Stillwater for one of the free evenings. Sorry it's late in each day, or I would offer to relieve you of a morning's teaching.

Anyhow, here's advance notice that I'm a comin'. I look forward to getting that close to you.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:ec

MEMO TO K. S. Sept. 3, 1953

I have reserved space with Delta C&S Airlines for an outgoing journey Atlanta-Oklahoma City, via Dallas. Coming back from Oklahoma City, leaving 2:15 p. m. Oct. 9. Tax-inclusive fare, RT is $114.54. This is infallibly to be reimbursed by the Southern AFL Labor School. If within the next few days you would have the ticket picked up, I would be grateful.

The outgoing plane is flight 911, leaves about 9:00 a. m. Arrives Okla. City about ~~xxx~~ 3:00 p. m., Sunday, October 4.

GSM

September 3, 1953

Mr. Stanton E. Smith
Tennessee Federation of Labor
540 Vine St.
Chattanooga, Tenn.

Dear Stanton:

Now that your leaflet has come in, I confirm my undertaking to be in Norman, Oklahoma, October 4 to 9 to teach "Special Problems of Organizing Southern Workers." I look forward to it a lot.

Available plane service puts me at Oklahoma City around 3:00 in the afternoon of Sunday, October 4, and pulls me out of Oklahoma City at 2:15 p.m. Friday, October 9. If you really need me for Friday afternoon, I can stay around, but nice to catch that 2:15 plane if quite workable.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:ec

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SOUTHERN AFL LABOR SCHOOL

Operated by the Southern State Federations of Labor

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August 22, 1953

Special Call

Lv. 2:15 PM
Ar. Dallas 3:15
Ar. Atl. 9:53

To THE STATE FEDERATIONS OF LABOR,
CENTRAL LABOR UNIONS,
LOCAL UNIONS AFFILIATED WITH STATE FEDERATIONS, and
INTERNATIONAL UNIONS (AFL)
in the
Southern States of **Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana, Texas, Oklahoma, Arkansas, Tennessee and Kentucky;**

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Delta C.T.S.

Fraternal Greetings:

Notice is hereby given of the Second Meeting of the

Southern AFL Labor School

To be held at the

Place **University of Oklahoma, Extension Division (North Campus), Norman, Oklahoma**

Dates **October 4 to 9, 1953**

Purposes The purposes of the School are:

(1) To provide information and training for officers of State Federations, Central Labor Unions, Local Unions (AFL) and International Representatives and Organizers working in the South so that they may make those organizations more effective instruments for the promotion of the cause of organized labor.

(2) To work out plans for establishment of programs of workers' education in the various states and cities so that the members of our unions will understand the functions of the unions and be able to contribute more to the building of a sound and strong Trade Union movement in the South.

Sponsorship The Southern AFL Labor School is operated by a Board of Control consisting of the Presidents and Secretaries of the above named Southern State Federations of Labor. It has been officially endorsed by these Federations.

Brother J. L. Rhodes, Southern Director of Organization of the AFL, and Brother John D. Connors, Director of the Workers' Education Bureau of the AFL, are the official AFL Consultants.

Course of Study Outstanding instructors have been secured to teach the following subjects:

1) History of the Development of Labor Laws
2) Taxation and Organized Labor
3) Special Problems of Organizing Southern Workers
4) Public Relations for Organized Labor
5) Political Action by Unions
6) Collective Bargaining Techniques
7) Public Speaking

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In addition there will be three evening programs, one each on Sunday, Tuesday and Thursday (Monday and Wednesday will be open). Evening program subjects are:

1) The Reactionary Attack on Social Legislation
2) The Challenge of Communism to Democracy
3) The New Organizing Program of the AFL

Registration Registration of Delegates will begin at 1:00 p.m. on Sunday, October 4. The School will adjourn at 4:00 p.m. on Friday, October 9.

Meals The first meal will be served Sunday evening, October 4, at 6:00 p.m. All meals through the noon meal on Friday, October 9, will be served in the University Cafeteria and are included in the cost of the School.

Housing Delegates will be housed in Dormitories on the North Campus, Extension Study Center, University of Oklahoma, Norman, Oklahoma.

Types of accommodations available are as follows: 30 double rooms (twin beds) with connecting private bath for each two rooms; 272 single rooms with community showers and toilets for each 18 rooms.

Only the double rooms are suitable for occupancy by family groups. Since there are very few of these only a limited number of wives can be accommodated.

The single rooms are so arranged that separate quarters can be provided for women delegates by placing them together in one section. Wives can stay in same quarters with women delegates if rooms are not available elsewhere.

Basis of Representation

a) Each State Federation of Labor will be allowed three delegates.
b) Each Central Labor Union having less than 25 affiliates will be allowed one delegate.
c) Each Central Labor Union having 25 or more affiliates will be allowed two delegates.
d) Each Local Union which is affiliated with its State Federation will be allowed one delegate. Locals not affiliated with their respective State Federations are not eligible to send delegates.
e) Each International Union (AFL) will be entitled to designate one Representative or Organizer working in the South.

The number of delegates will be subject to state quotas equal to 5% of the number of organizations affiliated with the State Federation in their respective states.

All credentials will be accepted on a **first come, first served** basis. When the quota for a particular state has been filled additional credentials from organizations in that state will be received subject to vacancies in the quota of another state.

A **Deadline of September 19** has been set for holding open the State quotas. After that date delegates' credentials will be accepted in the order received regardless of the State from which they come.

Credentials All delegates must be duly credentialed by the body represented. A letter under seal of the organization will be sufficient. Please give name, address, and union affiliation of each delegate.

Board, Room and Tuition All Credentials must be accompanied by check in full for Board, Room and Tuition which amounts to $40.00 per delegate. Checks should be made payable to: **Southern AFL Labor School.**

Communications Address all communications to the Secretary-Treasurer at 540 Vine Street, Chattanooga, Tennessee.

Fraternally yours,

E. H. (Lige) Williams
President

Stanton E. Smith
Secretary-Treasurer

MOREHOUSE COLLEGE

ATLANTA, GEORGIA

September 21, 1953

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Southern Regional Council

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

Mr. George Mitchell
Southern Regional Council
63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Mitchell:

I did not do in Miami all that I had hoped to do about the school pamphlet. I did talk with Sandy Ray about it, but the people were so heated up over the election that I had to get out of town before I could make any public announcement about the pamphlet.

I am writing Dr. J. H. Jackson of Chicago, appraising the pamphlet and asking him to use his influence to get it widely distributed. I am also suggesting that you will no doubt be writing him about the pamphlet. Dr. Jackson is the newly elected president of the National Baptist Convention, Inc.

I do not know whether Sandy Ray will be continuing as Head of the Social Action Division of the Convention. Sandy Ray was a candidate for the presidency, and since the Convention is political, someone else may succeed Ray.

I shall be very glad to push the pamphlet further, in any way that you suggest.

Yours truly,

Benjamin E. Mays
President

BEM/eab

N. B. Send me 200 pamphlets & send bill to the college but to me. The students should read the pamphlet & my friends.

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Agricultural and Mechanical College
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY AND RURAL LIFE
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Southern Regional Council

September 26, 1953

Dear Dr. Mitchell:

Regarding your letter of September 21, and the possibility of your coming up here during your visit to Oklahoma, I have made some inquiry among our staff. Also, I have contacted Dr. Gilbert Geis, University of Oklahoma, Norman. He has charge of their courses on Race Problems there.

I am writing Dr. Geis that you will contact him when you arrive at Nroman. Should he be able to come with you and drive you up here, it would be much more convenient in point of time. We do not mind at all the trip down there, but it seems that time is going to be a major factor for all concerned. If he can drive you up here, it will probably save all of us much time. I shall write him and ask him if he can. Probably it would be well if you contact him before calling me. If you have trouble finding him, Dr. Leonard Logan or Dr. Wyatt Marrs, the chairman of the Department of Sociology at the University can help you locate Geis.

It happens that, among my numerous functions, I am president of the board of education in Stillwater, and our board meetings are on the first Monday night in each month. October 5, is therefore a closed date for me in the evening. The board meetings begin at 7:30, p. m. However, that should not hinder you from meeting with the other men in the department and probably other people on the campus.

I think the men will be fairly free from interferrence on Wednesday evening, October 9, after their afternoon classes are over. In any case, if you can get here by 2:00 o'clock, you can get into Dr. Vandiver's class on "The Negro in America." If not, you can get into Dr. Sutker's class on "Cultural Change," which meets at 3;00 o'clock. These classes run on the MWF days, to remind you again.

I am not sure about getting an Oklahoma Chapter of the SRC, but maybe we can get a few more people interested in it, among whom Geis at the University may be one. I do not know this boy. He is only an instructor down there, and he probably is pretty young. I know nothing of his background. Hence, it would be fine if you can explore him somewhat.

When you call up here, call 1480, Extension 20 or 21, for my office. Most telephones on the campus are extensions of 1480. If you call outside office hours, 8:00, a. m. to 5:00, p. m., my home telephone is 756. It sometimes saves a fellow some time to know the telephone numbers he may need to call, and especially on this PBX telephone at the college.

I do not know of anything else that would help now. Just remember that someone here will run down and get you if that seems to be the quickest way to get you up here.

Sincerely yours,

O D Duncan

O. D. Duncan.

GAMMON THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY
ATLANTA, GEORGIA
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

September 28, 1953

Dr. George S. Mitchell
Southern Regional Council
63 Auburn Avenue, N.E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. Mitchell:

I regret sincerely that I could not attend the meeting of the Executive Committee on Friday. The rather sudden illness of a member of our faculty made it necessary for me to go on our Student Retreat held on that day.

I trust you had a good meeting.

Yours sincerely,

Harry V. Richardson

Harry V. Richardson
President

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September 29, 1953

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Dr. George S. Mitchell
Southern Regional Council
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. Mitchell:

The chairman of the Program Committee for the Inauguration Exercises on October 31st and November 1st has informed me that you and Mrs. Randolph are to appear on program on Saturday October 31st. He expresses the hope that both of you will be able to arrive on Friday evening so that you will be present for both sessions on Saturday. A copy of the program will be sent to you and to Mrs. Randolph within the next few days.

Very truly yours,

C. G. Gomillion

C. G. Gomillion
Dean of Students

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October 16, 1953

Mr O D Duncan
Oklahoma A & M College
Stillwater, Oklahoma

Dear Mr Duncan:

I had a good time in your state, and I am deeply sorry that I did not get up to Stillwater. I met Geis and Marr and one or two others at Norman, and renewed my old acquaintance with J J Rhyne. Saw Mr Ballyat briefly.

Mr Jimmy Stewart and his many friends, including Mrs Cenoria Johnson and Mrs Atkins, were most kind to me. Jimmy took me to a dinner whooping up the Community Chest drive among the Negro group, and let me go also to a meeting of the Oklahoma City Branch of the N A A C P, and later on arranged a small luncheon at the lovely new Y M C A. All in all, I felt I had quite the run of Oklahoma City.

And I like Oklahoma! A nice blend of western-ness and southern-ness. Good everyday folks. The picture that stays in my mind is of a youngish white woman, with touches of western dress, and more touches of poverty, driving her two small children down the main drag in an open jeep. It looked competent and self-sufficient.

Honestly, you know Oklahoma could drop segregation any old week. It just looked plain silly to have a Negro waiting room in the bus station at Norman!

I have since written Mr C A Jackson and asked his Association of Negro Teachers in the state to buy a flock of copies of our pamphlet and spread them around. Meanwhile, you will have the new one which is Check List. Idea is for a local discussion group to learn the issue through Questions and Answers and dig out the facts with Check List. I bespeak your interest, as our Board member thereabouts, in getting them put to wide use in the state.

I honestly think that if Oklahoma would study the business some, it could lead the whole South in dropping an institution now plainly antique.

I saw at Oklahoma University one or two undergraduates who are Negroes. No lawsuits - they are just there.

Anyway, got me as a warm admirer of your good state!

Sincerely yours,

George S Mitchell
Executive Director

gsm-t

October 20, 1953

Dr Rufus E Clement
P r e s i d e n t
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr Clement:

Mr Sprague, Chairman of the Inaugural Committee at Tuskegee Institute, wanted extra copies of what I am to be saying Saturday, October 31, for your and Dean Thompson's discussion.

I thought I would save him some trouble and you a day or two of time by sending, without authority, directly to you this copy of what I will be saying. I have so informed Mr Sprague.

Mr Sprague's letter said each of the discussants was to give ten or fifteen minutes of comment and evaluation.

I was allowed thirty to forty minutes; but my paper could hardly stretch to twenty. Still, I never saw one of these programs which could not stand some compressing.

Sincerely yours,

George S Mitchell
Executive Director

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enclosure - 1
cc: M D Sprague

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October 28, 1953

Mrs Tommie Stroud
3225 Maple Avenue
Waco, Texas

Dear Mrs Stroud:

We are most pleased to have you on the Board. You fill vacancy Number 47! I will let you know later, as lots are drawn, as to how long your term is to be. We hope it will be a long time.

Do help in any way you can in getting these two latest pamphlets into use by local discussion groups. So used they could do a lot in these particular weeks before the Court decides in getting people to understand. After the decision, partisanship will close minds.

Sincerely yours

George S Mitchell
Executive Director

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enclosures - 2

Sept. 30, '53

Dear Mr. Mitchell,

Have had a nice trip to Europe this summer. Your letter inviting me to serve on the S.R.C. board was awaiting me when I returned. Thanks!

If you have not already filled this vacancy, I shall be happy to serve.

If the place has been filled I will understand.

Thanks for your nice letter and for the splendid pamphlet, "What Kind of Youth do you Want?"

With sincere devotion to our cause, and with many thanks for your great contribution of service.

Tommie B. Strand

Mrs. Tommie B. Stroud

October 28, 1953

Mr Charles A Shaw
2602 Dowling Street
Houston, Texas

Dear Mr Shaw:

The last annual membership meeting of the Southern Regional Council had the task of choosing, to comply with new by-laws, an entirely new Board of Directors for the Council. This Board is to be fifty persons, plus the officers (most of those listed on the letterhead above), plus two persons from each of our affiliated State organizations. The new by-laws, when they come fully into effect, will make this body itself the Southern Regional Council, and it is to have affiliated with it what we hope can be at a later date much invigorated State organizations State organizations such as there in Texas the Texas Commission on Race Relations.

The membership did themselves the honor of electing you to the Board on nomination of a Committee which contained Mrs William S Hogue of Houston. I do hope it will be agreeable with you to accept this responsibility.

The Board meets only once a year and it is customary for us to pay the expenses of the Board members to the meeting.

I send along a nearly complete list of those who thus far have agreed to serve. The latest names among the acceptances are Mrs Tommie Stroud of Waco, Texas; Mr Ulysses S Bond of Madison, Arkansas; Rt Reverend E A Penick, Bishop of North Carolina and Rt Reverend Charles Clingman, Bishop of Kentucky.

I hope we have become well enough known in your circles so you understand what the Council is. I send you a 1951 statement of our purpose and plans; and I am sure some people within ready reach of you there in Houston could satisfy you as to what sort of organization the Council is. I send as some further evidence of our immediate concern the two enclosed pamphlets on the Courts and the Schools.

Mr Charles A Shaw
2602 Dowling Street
Houston, Texas

Two - October 28, 1953

We greatly hope that you can write us that it is all right with you to serve on our Board. The term for which you are elected would be for four years ending at the November meeting in 1957.

If you are not already a member of the Council, we would want you to join, but our $3.00 dues are no great burden.

Sincerely yours

George A Mitchell
Executive Director

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Bd

October 28, 1953

Rt Reverend Edwin A Penick, D D
Bishop of North Carolina
802 Hillsboro Street
Raleigh, North Carolina

Dear Bishop Penick:

I am delighted to have you on the Board on just whatever terms are suitable with you. The main thing is to have your friendly interest in the Council. And some day I hope to come to Raleigh to have your advice.

Sincerely yours

George S Mitchell
Executive Director

gsm-t
cc: Harold Trigg

Diocese of North Carolina
OFFICE OF THE BISHOP
RALEIGH, N. C.

RT. REV. EDWIN A. PENICK, D. D.
802 HILLSBORO STREET

October 17, 1953

Mr. George S. Mitchell
Room 432, 63 Auburn Ave., N.E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

My dear Mr. Mitchell:

I am very sorry indeed that I am so dreadfully late in thanking you for your courtesy in notifying me that I had been re-elected to the Board of Directors of the Southern Regional Council. I haven't the slightest idea of why I was re-elected, because I have not even been a first-class deadhead on the Board for a number of years. My only credential would be that I am interested in what the Council is doing.

If you understand that it is practically impossible for me to attend Board meetings, and are willing to accept me as an observer of your program, I shall be happy to serve again, however, for two years or four years, as the lot may determine.

With kindest regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

Edwin A. Penick

Edwin A. Penick
Bishop of North Carolina

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October 28, 1953

Dr R O'Hara Lanier
Texas Southern University
Houston, Texas

Dear Dr Lanier:

The last membership meeting of the Council did themselves the honor of electing you to the Board of Directors.

The Board will be a total of fifty elected persons, plus six or seven officers and two people from our State organizations like the Texas Race Relations Commission.

You know all about us anyway and I won't burden you with much detail. I do send a list of most of those who have accepted membership on the Board. Four names to be added are Mr Ulysses S Bond of Madison, Arkansas; Mrs Tommie Stroud of Waco, Texas; Rt Reverend Charles Clingman, Bishop of Kentucky and Rt Reverend E A Penick, Bishop of North Carolina.

We count you our long-time friend in any case and greatly hope it is all right with you to be on the Board. The term for which you would serve would be two years ending in November, 1955.

If we have not got to you otherwise our two pamphlets on the schools question, I do hope you will find time to look through the enclosed. We are trying very hard to get them used by discussion groups throughout the South.

Sincerely yours,

George S Mitchell
Executive Director

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October 28, 1953

Rt Reverend Charles Clingman
421 South Second Street
Louisville 2, Kentucky

My dear Bishop Clingman:

Mr Cary Robertson wrote me that you had very kindly agreed, in consequence of our letter of August 5, to come on the Board of the Council.

We are most grateful, particularly as you complete the number of our fifty-man Board. Enclosed is a list of those who will be the Board.

Sincerely yours

George S Mitchell
Executive Director

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RT. REV. CHARLES CLINGMAN
421 SOUTH SECOND STREET
LOUISVILLE 2, KY.

October 21, 1953.

Mr. George S. Mitchell,
Southern Regional Conference,
Atlanta, Georgia.

Dear Mr. Mitchell:

I apologize for having failed to answer your letter regarding my designation as a Director of the Council earlier. At that time Mrs. Clingman and I were in the midst of completing the building of a new home and moving into it, all of which is upsetting.

I trust your brother has informed you of my acceptance of this appointment. I hope that I shall be able to attend meetings and will certainly do so when my schedule permits.

Sincerely yours,

Charles Clingman

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October 28, 1953

Mr U S Bond
Madison
A r k a n s a s

Dear Mr Bond:

We are delighted to have your kind agreement to serve on the Board of the Southern Regional Council.

It only means that you would have to consider once a year whether you can come to the Board meeting.

But our Board is not simply window-dressing. It is the basic policy body of the organization.

Sincerely yours

George S Mitchell
Executive Director

gsm-t
cc: Ocie Lee Smith

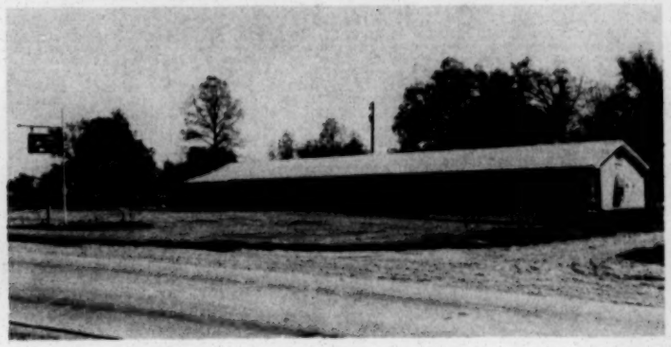
PHONE 1334-J-1

U. S. BOND'S MOTEL

MADISON, ARKANSAS

THE SOUTH'S FINEST AND ONE OF AMERICA'S BEST MOTELS FOR COLORED

HIGHWAY 70 - 40 MILES WEST OF MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE



October 16, 1953

Dr. George S. Mitchell
63 Auburn Avenue, Northeast
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. Mitchell:

I am in receipt of a letter from Mr. Ocie Lee Smith, Vice Chairman of Arkansas Chapter of Southern Regional Council, asking if I would accept membership on the Advisory Board of said Council. He further advised if I was in accord with his request to write you relative to my acceptance. I shall be happy to serve on this Board.

My work with Bondol Laboratories occasions my being out of the office and out of town quite often, however, if I find that my service does not conflict too greatly with my work, I shall be pleased to place myself at the Council's disposal.

I would appreciate an acknowledgement of this letter giving me your final decision in this matter.

Yours very truly,

U. S. Bond

U. S. Bond

usb/tp
CCC Mr. Ocie Lee Smith

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Southern Regional Council

1500 Bishop Street
Little Rock, Arkansas
October 6, 1953

Mr. U. S. Bond
Madison
Arkansas

Dear Mr. Bond:

Sometime in the Spring I served on the Nominating Committee of the Southern Regional Council with headquarters in Atlanta, Georgia. I submitted your name for membership on the Advisory Board. Dr. Mitchell advises me that he has not been able to get a statement from you relative to your acceptance. I know you are busy, and also do not like to write, so I am asking that you let Mrs. Bond attend to this for you.

I submitted your name because (1) you are already a member of the SRC (altho your dues are delinquent - smile) (2) because of your deeply manifested interest in the things the SRC is attempting to do. Your active participation will serve to give additional stature to our council. The Arkansas State Chapter needs you also for the prestige that you may lend, to say nothing of your influence that will help us in our endeavors. So I urge that you contact Dr. George S. Mitchell, 63 Auburn Avenue, N.E., Atlanta, Georgia, immediately informing him of your acceptance. Thanks.

Our State Chairman Rev. Lewis H. Deer has accepted a job in Indiana. I shall have a conference with Mr. Harry Ashmore (Editor of Gazette and member of the Advisory Council) some time this week. We shall set in motion some efforts to arrange for a meeting for the reorganization of our chapter. We will need your assistance.

Best wishes.

Sincerely,

Ocie Lee Smith
Vice-Chairman
Arkansas Chapter
Southern Regional Council

<u>Note to Mrs. Bond:</u>

Mrs. Bond, look after this for
Ulysess, will you? Thanks.

Ocie Lee

Doc: I believe this will get things moving. I hope so, for we need Ulysses' pocket book. You'll hear from me a little later regarding the Pamphlets — Ocie Lee

TEXAS SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY
HOUSTON, TEXAS

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

October 30, 1953

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Southern Regional Council

Dr. George S. Mitchell, Executive Director
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
Room 432
63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Sir:

This will acknowledge your kind letter of October 28, 1953.

Please know that Dr. Lanier is out of the office at this time and I shall call to his attention your letter upon his return.

Sincerely yours,

Emma Lee Hart

Emma Lee Hart,
Secretary to the President

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October 30, 1953

Mr Ralph Barbare, Director
Winthrop Training School
Rock Hill, South Carolina

Dear Mr Barbare:

I am very grateful for your completely informing letter of October 27. I did not myself suppose that anything untoward was under way, but I had heard the suggestion and I am glad to know the facts.

Sincerely yours

George S Mitchell
Executive Director

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November ten, 1953

Mr O D Duncan
Oklahoma A & M College
Department of Sociology and
Rural Life
Stillwater, Oklahoma

Dear Mr Duncan:

I am much helped by your history and observances on Oklahoma. I do hope I will get another chance to come out soon and that time I will try to get myself to Stillwater for a long conversation.

Jimmy Stewart is a young World War II veteran who has come along lately. He has been a member of the National Board of the NAACP about a year. I would judge him to be the most promising leader among Negroes in Oklahoma City and possibly in the State. He was extremely helpful to me. Cenoria Johnson is perfectly friendly and would be helpful.

True that in the past our progress was pokey for Oklahoma, but we are all right now and I think the Negro leaders in the State would recognize the change.

I am not one who advocates setting up a lengthy paper organization just to have something on a letterhead. It is just as well if we have friends in the State who would do things for us. If the chance comes to set up an organization, well and good, particularly if it seems needed in the Oklahoma situation. But as of now, I feel entitled to call on you and others for things and that is two-thirds of the victory.

Sincerely yours

George S Mitchell
Executive Director

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Oklahoma
Agricultural and Mechanical College
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY AND RURAL LIFE
STILLWATER

October 19, 1953

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OCT 21 1953
Southern Regional Council

Dr. George S. Mitchell
Southern Regional Council
Room 432, 63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Dr. Mitchell:

This is to reply to your nice letter of October 16, 1953, commenting on your trip to Oklahoma.

I am glad that you find Oklahoma interesting. It is a land of contrasts, of inconsistencies, and of incredible uncertainties. I am well into my 25th year here, and I find something new almost every day of my life. In the American Mercury, October 1951, I tried to give a quick Augenblick of Oklahoma, although it is slightly extravagant, but is basically true.

There is one thing which I have repeatedly repeated to Auslander who come to Oklahoma. I have seen them come into the State, make a survey of a county, and go away saying that the county they studied had the biracial social pattern. What seems a bit hard to get across is that the segregation pattern is bigger than Norman. When the Santa Fe Railroad, and the bus lines went there, they were only operating under a region-wide Jim Crow law. There were enough Texans, about 300,000, about 150,000 Arkansawyers, about 200,000 Missourians, and enough other southerners to demand Jim Crowism when the territories were combined and given statehood. That was under a Republican administration, too. Hence, all railroads and buses are required by law to provide "separate but equal" facilities for both races. As long as the territories were under federal control there was no segregation. At the present time, the pattern is somewhat tenuous, but there are few people who will admit it.

Actually, I believe I am correctly informed that the only legal Jim Crow laws found in Oklahoma are those pertaining to travel and education. It is now true in practice that the transportation requirement is weakening until train conductors pay little attention to it on interstate trains. The Santa Fe runs from Galveston, Texas, to Chicago, crossing Texas, Oklahoma, Kansas, Missouri, Iowa, and Illinois. Most of the passenger traffic is for long distances, and that about makes the law inoperative. In Missouri, where they have long had separate education, they never had had segregation in travel. The segregation pattern in Oklahoma schools is crumbling from the colleges downward. We began with allowing Negroes to enter graduate schools, in state institutions only. Now, we have here at A. & M. some undergraduate students, especially in engineering. As yet, the law still provides that a private college or university can admit Negroes only if it maintains a separate branch for them. No one ever has found out whether or not the supreme court decision applies to those schools, ~~or not~~, and all of them, being supported by either Methodists, Baptists, or Disciples, except the University of Tulsa which is the plaything of people who want a college football team for Tulsa, are less likely of their own accord to admit Negroes than are the state schools. Oil millionaires built the University of Tulsa, although it was once a two-building Presbyterian school. The Presbyterians have about lost control of it.

I could get myself into trouble for saying so, but throughout the South the Baptist party has been too strong for racial segregation to fall. Baptists have been about the strongest bulwark of racial prejudice anywhere on the continent. The Methodists have not been far behind. What few Presbyterians there are have little to do with social policy. They are too indifferent, and are concerned primarily with themselves. I have never seen a Southern Baptist, who still knew the passwords, who was not a rabid Negrophobe. It is born in them, and by the process of evolution only those have survived who hate Negroes.

Since you are from Virginia, I am confident that you are an Anglican of some degree. Most of them just have not made up their minds as yet on racial questions.

You mentioned a number of people here whom I do not know. Is Stewart the boy at the Community Council in Oklahoma City? They had a woman heading up that organization for a while, but she left and they got a man for it. I do not know the fellow there now. I know Mrs. Cernoria Johnson, and I met a woman who works with her, but I have forgotten her name. She was a rather dark woman and a Catholic. What is Jackson's address? I can get it from the principal here if you do not have it.

Did you notice that Cernoria Johnson knows what she wants and almost knows how to get it? She is utterly fearless when interviewing whites or being interviewed by them. Either offensively or defensively, she gives them the works.

My impression is that the Urban League more or less holds the SRC in suspicion, or at best as a poor relation. Do you honestly think that Mrs. Johnson and her group would let down their milk, as far as cooperating with us is concerned? I believe they want to roll their own hoop. Also, the N. A. A. C. P. has its own program. Of course, whites work in both of these groups largely behind the scenes. Yet, in the SRC all could work along together. I suppose, however, that there is little chance of getting the several groups united either in prupose, effort, or procedure. They all seem to have slight differences. For a long time, or so it seemed, the SRC and the I. C. which preceded it wanted to work primarily inside the segregation pattern, and seemed to think " we are not ready now" whenever pressed for a determinate stand. That is not the modus operandi at the present time, I am sure. Still, it let these more radical organizations get ahead of us. Now that we need their help we are in no great advantage in asking for it. I could have it all wrong, but this is the impression one gets in looking back over the history.

I do not know when I shall actually have the time to try to do any actual work in Oklahoma. I'm buried standing up. However, I would like to know what you think of the prospect as you see it in a quick glance. The biggest problem here right now is not with college students. They get along fine. Public school students would, too, if their parents would let them alone. One can vote any kind of bond issue to build Negro schools. The parents and the boards of education fear that before long Negro children will be going to school with their own. Probably they are afraid that their kids will recognize some of their half-brothers. The fear has moved down to the grade schools now, and it is almost entirely in the minds of parents. How you are going to get it out I do not know, for the parents will do everything they can to poison the minds of their children, thereby delaying for some years longer the inevitable. That is how I size it up as a school board member, and I hear it often.

Let me hear from you when your convenience permits.

Sincerely yours,

O. Schaeffer

November eleven, 1953

Mr Morris B Abram
Healey Building
A t l a n t a

Dear Mr Abram:

The other day we drew lots for terms of office of the fifty Board members of the Council. Yours came out at the two-year term and ends with the annual meeting in November, 1955. We are honored to have you as part of the Board.

Sincerely yours

George S Mitchell
Executive Director

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Same to:

James L Coker, Hartsville, S C
Paul R Christopher, Knoxville, Tenn
A J Clement, Charleston, S C
Herbert M Davidson, Daytona Beach, Fla
O D Duncan, Stillwater, Okla
S Thomas Friedman, Houston, Texas
C G Gomillion, Tuskegee Institute, Ala
John A Griffin, Atlanta
Chas S Johnson, Fisk University, Nashville
R O'Hara Lanier, Houston, Texas
Rabbi Chas Mantinband, Hattiesburg, Miss
E A McDowell, Wake Forrest, N C
Clyde Milner, Guilford College, N C
Charles Parrish, Louisville, Ky
Bishop E A Penick, Raleigh, N C
Mrs J N Rayzor, Houston, Texas
Mrs J M Richards, Decatur, Georgia
Fr Maurice Shean, Rock Hill, S C
J Edwin Smith, Houston, Texas
Mrs E H Spearman, Columbia, S C
Florence Sytz, New Orleans, La
Mrs J F Tillman, Lewisburg, Tenn
Judge L E Thomas, Miami, Florida
Rev A S Turnipseed, Montgomery, Ala

November twelve
1953

Mr Charles A Shaw
Watchtower Life Insurance Company
2206 Dowling Street
Houston, Texas

Dear Mr Shaw:

We are greatly pleased to have you as a member of the Board of SRC and appreciate your kind contribution of $10.00 to the Council.

We want to strengthen all our links with Texas and are grateful for your kindness in taking part of the job.

Sincerely yours

George S Mitchell
Executive Director

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WATCHTOWER

LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY

HOME OFFICE: 2206 DOWLING STREET - P. O. BOX 2097
HOUSTON, TEXAS

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November 4, 1953

Mr. George A. Mitchell, Executive Director
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
Room 432, 63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Mitchell:

Acknowledgement is made of your letter of October 28th in which you advised of my election to the Board of Directors of The Southern Regional Council. This action on the part of your membership comes to me as quite a pleasant surprise. I accept this opportunity for service with a full appreciation of the responsibility which it entails.

For more than three decades I have endeavored to play a small part in making our country in general, and our Southland in particular, true exponents of the democratic philosophy which we espouse. I, therefore, welcome this opportunity to become associated with you and the membership of The Southern Regional Council as we move forward in our "fight for democracy" in the years ahead.

K.S.

You will find enclosed my check for $10.00 in payment of my membership dues plus a small contribution that I trust will be of some assistance in the prosecution of your program.

Sincerely yours,

Chas. A. Shaw

CAS/jfm
Encl/1 check

November
seventeen
1953

Dr R O'Hara Lanier
Texas Southern University
Houston, Texas

Dear Mr Lanier:

Do write us when opportunity presents that it is all right with you to be on the Board of SRC. Your acceptance will complete the total of the fifty man Board and we are anxious to get it all closed together.

Sincerely yours

George S Mitchell
Executive Director

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ATLANTA UNIVERSITY
ATLANTA, GEORGIA

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November 28, 1953

Dr. George S. Mitchell
Executive Director
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Doctor Mitchell:

I am pleased to accept membership on the Board of the Council for the four-year term.

With kind regards.

Cordially yours,

Rufus E. Clement

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Kentucky State College

Frankfort, Kentucky

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December
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Dr. George S. Mitchell
Executive Director
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Dr. Mitchell:

Many thanks for your letter of November 25. Please let me know as early as possible when the Board meeting will be held. I'll do my best to make a good member.

Very sincerely yours,

R. B. Atwood

R. B. Atwood
President

RBA:wts

November 25, 1953

Dr R B Atwood
Kentucky State College
Frankfort, Kentucky

Dear Mr Atwood:

The other day we drew lots for terms of office of the fifty Board members of the Council. Yours came out at the four-year term and ends with the annual meeting in November, 1957. We are honored to have you as part of the Board.

Sincerely yours

George S Mitchell
Executive Director

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Board

MOREHOUSE COLLEGE

ATLANTA, GEORGIA

December 3, 1953

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Southern Regional Council

Mr. George S. Mitchell
Southern Regional Council
63 Auburn Avenue, N.E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Mitchell:

I appreciate your letter of November 25 reminding me that I have been elected as one of the fifty Board members of the Council in the Class of 1953-1957.

Sincerely yours,

Benjamin E. Mays

Benjamin E. Mays
President

BEM:H

Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary
AN AGENCY OF THE SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION
Wake Forest, North Carolina

EDWARD A. McDOWELL
PROFESSOR OF NEW
TESTAMENT INTERPRETATION

December 3, 1953.

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Southern Regional Council

Dr. George S. Mitchell,
Executive Director,
Southern Regional Council, Inc.,
63 Auburn Ave., N. E.,
Atlanta 3, Georgia.

Dear Dr. Mitchell:

I am grateful for your letter informing me that I have been chosen for a two year term as a member of the Board of Directors of the Southern Regional Council.

I consider it a privilege to be a member of the Board, and I shall hope to be able to render some service for the remainder of my term.

Very sincerely yours,

Edward A. McDowell

EAM/s

Edward A. McDowell

December
third
1953

Dr R O'Hara Lanier
P r e s i d e n t
Texas Southern University
Houston, Texas

Dear Dr Lanier:

We are extremely grateful for your acceptance of membership on our Board. We need you and will use your friendship helpfully.

Sincerely yours

George S Mitchell
Executive Director

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TEXAS SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY
HOUSTON, TEXAS

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

November 20, 1953

Dr. George S. Mitchell
Executive Director
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Dr. Mitchell:

By now you should have received my letter stating my acceptance to your gracious invitation to be on the Board of SRC.

Many thanks for your letter of November 17, 1953.

Sincerely yours,

R. O'Hara Lanier,
President

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R. O'HARA LANIER, PRESIDENT

HOUSTON, TEXAS

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

November 18, 1953

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NOV 23
Southern Regional Council

Dr. George S Mitchell, Executive Director
Southern Regional Council, Incorporated
63 Auburn Avenue, North East, Room 432
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Dr. Mitchell:

I shall be very happy to serve on the Board of Directors of the Southern Regional Council.

You do know I am intensely interested and will be glad to do my bit.

Yours very truly,

R O'Hara Lanier

R. O'Hara Lanier, President

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December third, 1953

Mr C G Gomillion
Dean of Students
Tuskegee Institute
Tuskegee Institute, Alabama

Dear Mr Gomillion:

I am sorry the Alabama State Teachers Association did not come through, but I do hope you can get somebody else who will get busy with QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS. It is moving about amazingly and I hate for Alabama to be such a vacuum on it.

Sincerely yours

George S Mitchell
Executive Director

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Tuskegee Institute

TUSKEGEE INSTITUTE
ALABAMA

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November 25, 1953

Dr. George S. Mitchell, Executive Director
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Dr. Mitchell:

Thank you for your letter of November 23 informing me that in the srawing of lots for terms of office as members of the Board of Directors my name was drawn for a two year term, which term ends with the annual meeting in November, 1955. I should be glad to do whatever I can to promote the program of the Southern Regional Council.

I wrote, and later talked with, the President of the Alabama State Teachers Association concerning the purchase of copies of the booklet on The Supreme Court Cases for distribution, and was informed by him that it was not possible to get an appropriation from the Executive Committee for such. At the present time, I am trying to interest some civic organizations in the purchase of copies for distribution. Later, I shall inform you as to what success I had.

Sincerely yours,

C. G. Gomillion
Dean of Students

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Mechanics and Farmers Bank
Durham, North Carolina

JOHN H. WHEELER
PRESIDENT

December 5, 1953

RECEIVED
DEC 7
Southern Regional Council

Dr. George S. Mitchell, Executive Director
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
63 Auburn Avenue, Northeast
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Dr. Mitchell:

This will acknowledge your letter of November 25 which came while I was in the hospital.

I appreciate having been selected as a member of the Board of the Southern Regional Council and although I seem to find myself involved in more projects than I can look after satisfactorily, I shall try to do my best as a member of this body.

Sincerely yours,

J. H. Wheeler

J. H. Wheeler

JHW/r

NORTH CAROLINA MUTUAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY

DURHAM, NORTH CAROLINA

Station "A" Box 36
Charleston, South Carolina
December 7, 1953

Mr. George S. Mitchell
Executive Director
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Mr. Mitchell:

I have your notice as to the length of my term on the Board of Directors. Naturally I will be governed accordingly.

Very truly yours,

A. J. Clement, Jr.

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GAMMON THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY
ATLANTA, GEORGIA
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

December 8, 1953

Dr. George S. Mitchell
63 Auburn Avenue, N.E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. Mitchell:

This is belated recognition of your letter of November 25, notifying me of my election to the Board of the Council. This is an honor as well as a privilege. I shall do my best.

Yours sincerely,

Harry V. Richardson

Harry V. Richardson
President

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Columbia Theological Seminary

Decatur, Georgia

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

December 8, 1953

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DEC 9
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Dr. George S. Mitchell
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. Mitchell:

I am grateful to you for your letter of November 25 advising me of the fact that my term as a member of the Board of the Southern Regional Council is for two years ending in November, 1955. I shall be glad to serve to the best of my ability.

With every good wish, I am

Sincerely yours,

J. McDowell Richards

J. McDowell Richards

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December nine, 1953

Dr Howard W Odum
Institute for Research in
Social Science
University of North Carolina
Chapel Hill, North Carolina

Dear Dr Odum:

We all enjoyed Gordon Hancock's 1944 letter. I have put it in a dark corner of the historical folder. With Mr E W Palmer's death we lost about thirty per cent of our big business Board membership!

Charles Johnson and Dent and Clement are pulling all available strings and I have reason to believe that their influence is considerable. I am still hoping that these particular weeks are the decisive ones.

I report quite remarkable success in getting our Schools and Courts pamphlets out to local people who will really use them. Here are a couple of lists of major orders for them.

Sincerely yours

George S Mitchell
Executive Director

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INSTITUTE FOR RESEARCH IN SOCIAL SCIENCE
UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA, CHAPEL HILL

November 16, 1953

Ford

Mr. George S. Mitchell
Executive Director
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
Room 432, 63 Auburn Avenue, N.E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear George:

Thank you for your good letter. Guy and I have often talked about this situation and I rather thought you understood that although I am more interested than ever and pulling harder for the Council, nevertheless it is a sort of agreement that I would not be able to take active part in meetings. What we need, as your committee sensed, is a great deal of new blood and your list is about the best you've ever had.

I still think that we need a dozen leading business and professional men on the Board, but I myself do not know how to get them. Even with your good list, we do not have enough "power" to be absolutely convincing that we need two million dollars from the Ford people. I expect they will do something good, but I wish we could provide some sort of leverage that would make them do more.

Cordially yours,

HOWARD W. ODUM

HWO:n

Encl.

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Somewhere in Rural Virginia
Thirteenth September
1 9 4 4

Dr. Howard W. Odum
University of North Carolina
Chapel Hill, North Carolina

Dear Dr. Odum:

It is just as well for us of the Southern Regional Council to face the ugly fact that there is a growing suspicion that we are not headed anywhere in particular. There is the assumption that the prosecution of the program has been turned over to two research experts and that in the end our energies will be spent in theoretical approaches to practical problems and that by and by the whole thing will go by default. Of course I resent all such implications and while it is not profitable to spend too much time watching and replying to our avowed hecklers, it is no particular advantage to play directly into their hands. We are passing through a very critical period in race relations throughout the nation in general and throughout the South in particular. It seems reasonable that if the Southern Regional Council has nothing to do about the situation certainly we ought to find something to say about it.

From all indications the South is armed and organized to put down the forth coming Negro uprising which is as far from the Negro's planning as the East is from the West. I am coming more and more to believe that after all the South does not know its Negroes if they so discount Negro leadership as to suspect it would connive with any such impractical approach as a general uprising would be for the general situation. In spite of Race and Rumours of Race, rumoritis is still one of the dreadful afflictions of the hour. Why could not we as a SRC make some kind of a statemant on the state of race relations? Why could not we disabuse the minds of the Southern whites of the futility of planning to put down an uprising the Negroes never thought of? Is there not something we can say in the situation if for no other reason than letting the country know that there is a Southern Regional Conference? If we cannot find something to say or do in this grave situation, then we may as well close shop so far as winning the respect of this nation to our cause. A statement going out from Atlanta over the signatures of some of our many able devotees might do some good in a critical phase of race relations.

Yours very cordially,

Gordon B. Hancock

clip to A.H.

December 13, 1953

Mr Alfred Mynders
THE CHATTANOOGA TIMES
Chattanooga, Tennessee

Dear Mr Mynders:

Many thanks for your letter. I am glad that Myles knows about the various problems as it was a little on my mind that I had not opened up frankly with him.

I have written to Mr Large as enclosed.

I am going to Knoxville in the custody of the Unitarians next Monday and Tuesday and various local discussion groups will be meeting there. They are taking me also to Mrs Spahr's home for a dinner and a talk about the problems of that whole area. I spent a couple of days in mid-November at Scarritt College and Peabody and visited Tennessee A & I and with the help, particularly of people at Scarritt, got a good deal of discussion under way in Nashville. Memphis I have not known how to reach and I have done nothing there.

For two weeks in October, the National Council of Churches sent us, at their expense, a young minister out of Chicago to travel in selected areas and by conversation with local leaders to try to get local discussion groups going, using the pamphlets. The man was good. I briefed him and carried him into central Kentucky where he visited Lexington, Louisville, Frankfort, Shelbyville, Danville, Simpsonville, Harrisburg, and a few other towns. What he did was to seek out the interested local people and bring them to fix their minds on the problem. Quite a remarkable report resulted which I am having mimeographed (blinding the names) of which I will send you a copy.

That was an experimental program with the National Council of Churches. It went well, and I am pressing hard and I think with proper success to find the money to put on about six such people during the first three months of 1954. Possibly the effort will stem out of the Southeastern office of the National Council of Churches and will proceed in full cooperation with SRC. If it comes through, I will see to it that a capable person comes to Tennessee and works, particularly in the Northeast section of the State. I will send him first to see you and he could spread out from there.

This seems to us an exceedingly fruitful way to work. It is quiet and it is local and it reaches exactly the right people and gets them moving.

Incidentally, the QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS has been a whopping success. Has been bought by an impressive string of organizations and sent out in great numbers. The Southern Presbyterians have sent them to every minister in that denomination. Schisler sent one to every District Superintendent in the Methodist Church from Virginia to Texas. Two Episcopal Bishops have sent them out, but only two. If you have any influence on either Bishop in Tennessee to do likewise that would be most helpful. I should think Bishop Dandridge could move mountains. I sent it long ago to every Bishop in Sewanee with an extra copy for him to send to every man in charge of Christian social relations. The Southern Baptist Convention at Nashville bought two hundred fifty. We have just ordered six thousand to be printed, making a total of 28,000 - a record for an SRC publication, and it is still going strong.

Sincerely yours

George S Mitchell
Executive Director

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The Chattanooga Times

December 3, 1953

Dr. George S. Mitchell, Executive Director
The Southern Regional Council
63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. Mitchell:

Myles Horton came by my office about two weeks ago and I told him of getting the report from the Velde Committee and of transmitting it to you and of the Executive Committee meeting of the Southern Regional Council in which we all expressed our utmost confidence in you and protested against anything that would cause you to withdraw your advice from the Highlander Folk School.

My secretary was not in the office at the time and I could not get a copy of the Velde report to show to Myles. I told him I would send it to him but I have hesitated to do so. Pat Sutton, who is running against Estes Kefauver for the U. S. Senate, got a copy of the Velde information somewhere and it is used in this afternoon's edition of the Chattanooga News Free-Press. Sutton's blast amounts to nothing. Using the Highlander Folk School as a whipping boy is familiar politics in this state and has no importance.

The real reason I am writing to you is to discuss the segregation situation. Governor Clement told me in a letter some months ago that the public schools in Tennessee would continue to operate whatever the Supreme Court decision. I passed that on to you. Clement later made the same statement in public and he has been getting critical letters about it but I think these are few and unimportant. A local chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution yesterday authorized a letter to Governor Clement protesting against abolishing segregation in Tennessee schools, as if Clement had anything to say about that.

I still think the situation in this state is good. If segregation is abolished it will only take a breaking down of the tabu in one or two schools to bring Tennessee to acceptance of the Supreme Court decision.

What I really want to ask you, however, is whether you cannot get some of your friends in Tennessee to bring about meetings of negro and white leaders in local communities, if you think that this is advisable. I do not know whether it would do any good or not but I am so pressed with my various duties on the paper that I cannot possibly get the time to do this job. I thought that maybe you

knew people in Knoxville, Nashville and Memphis who were acquainted with local conditions and could arrange the meetings. Harry Large, Secretary of the Chattanooga Interracial Committee, is extremely friendly to the Southern Regional Council. I think a letter from you suggesting a meeting here might bring results. Frankly, I believe that the head of the local Interracial Commission is afraid that I am too liberal on this question and for that reason I might not be able to arrange a meeting myself.

I am sorry to wish it off on you because I know the tremendous job you are already doing. I will continue to keep in close touch with the school heads throughout the state, as I have done in the past, and if an emergency arises I believe that I could have a good influence on those people and that Governor Clement will take a sensible view of his obligation to the school children of Tennessee.

Faithfully yours,

Alf Mynders

Alfred Mynders

AM/ea
Encl.

December thirteen, 1953

Mr Harry Large, Secretary
Chattanooga Interracial Committee
Chattanooga, Tennessee

Dear Mr Large:

Here and all over the South remarkable interest has been shown in bringing together small local - preferably interracial - discussion groups to talk about the schools and the courts. I have been wondering if you could work out something of this sort in conjunction with the Chattanooga Interracial Committee? In these particular weeks before the Supreme Court gives its decision, people are relatively open-minded. They are curious and would like to know what the whole matter could mean one way or another. After the decision, the likelihood is that partisanship will deivide us unduly.

The Southern Regional Council's two little pamphlets have been quite widely used as the basis of discussions of this kind. The QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS opens the general issue and the CHECK LIST is for use by groups which are ready to go into some analysis of existing differences between white and Negro schools locally. I assume that the first would of greatest interest in Chattanooga which by this time must have achieved something close to material equality in the two school systems. Both have been widely purchased by organizations in the South to be sent out to memberships. I am not particularly trying to sell pamphlets but I would be delighted to know of discussions, formal or informal, which might go on in Chattanooga assisted by the QUESTIONS OR ANSWERS booklet or the CHECK LIST one.

Sincerely yours

George S Mitchell
Executive Director

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December
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Dr A W Dent
Dillard University
New Orleans, Louisiana

Dear Mr Dent:

I read with the greatest interest the Edwin R Embree Memorial Lectures which you so kindly sent me.

If no one has remembered to send a copy to President Francis Hutchins at Berea College, I do hope that will be done.

I have written Mr Hutchins as enclosed.

Sincerely yours

George S Mitchell
Executive Director

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enclosure

December sixteen, 1953

Mr Alfred Mynders
THE CHATTANOOGA TIMES
Chattanooga, Tennessee

Dear Mr Mynders:

I am in a great hurry but I do want to tell you that we had an excellent small meeting of carefully chosen white persons in Knoxville last evening. They will meet again January twelve in the home of the (Episcopal) pastor to plan for getting discussion groups going to have some influence on opinion in the church, busine labor and other areas in the city.

Sincerely yours

George S Mitchell
Executive Director

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Dr. Harry Richardson called to say that on February 25th there is to be a meeting of ~~of~~ all the District Superintendents of the Central Jurisdiction, Methodist Church at Gammon. This is a very influencial group and he thought they could do much in the schools and courts business.

You are invited to speak to them on that subject on February 25th at 10:00 a.m. and you will have about an hour for the speech-discussion ~~o~~ ~~what~~ ~~xxxxxx~~ however you want to arrange it.

Your calendar showed no engagements for that time so I told Dr. Richardson that you were apparently free on the 25th but would confirm the date with him when you got back.

ks

Good
Sam
Dec 21 '53
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Sam

Bd.

February 4, 1954

Mr. Paul D. Williams
Gloucester Rd.
Richmond, Virginia

Dear Paul:

I was in New York last week and did finally follow through on my promise to you and to George Hunton to be present at one of his Thursday afternoon gatherings. They had booked Roy Wilkins to do the talking, and I chimed in at the end. Father LaFarge was there, and I see that his publishers have sent me on his new book which I will read with the greatest interest.

George Hunton spoke with warmth of your appearance before his group only a week or so back.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive-Director

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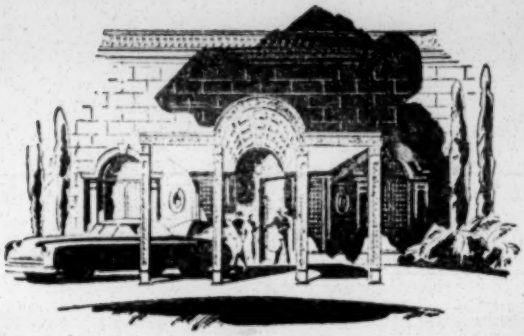

Oct 28, 1953

Dear George,

A brief note to tell you that I saw Harry Read and George Weaver here.

Read would make no promises but I have a hunch that we will get the money from the Murray Foundation.

Will write you again from Richmond.

Best regards.

Sincerely
Paul
Williams

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February 4, 1954

Mrs. Cassandra Maxwell Birnie
864 Hunter Street, S. W.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mrs. Birnie:

Here is one worth looking at. Please try to get at least the flavor of it. We have good prospects of a cooperative arrangement with various Church Boards which would get most parts of the South covered in this way.

I think it is a most promising device.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive-Director

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April 20, 1954

Mr. Paul Williams
3320 Gloucester Street
Richmond, Virginia

Dear Paul:

I have been slow about getting to your note of April 8. Meanwhile, here are ten copies of this good and popular speech. Memorandum #1 will have given you most of the details.

I have exchanged letters further with Emerson Smith and think the plan you and I checked over will go through. It will take some preparatory work on your part to build up sentiment in the state for an autonomous SRC-affiliated human relations agency in the state.

The Board meeting, by the Bi-Laws is the second Tuesday in November, which would make it Tuesday, November 9. The Executive Committee could wobble it back and forth, but I think it will probably be November 9. We count on your being present. If that is election day, I guess we would move it.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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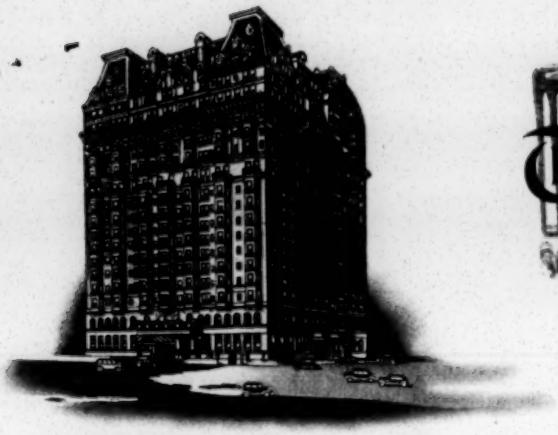

The Bellevue-Stratford
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CABLE ADDRESS
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BENNETT E. TOUSLEY
VICE PRESIDENT AND GENERAL MANAGER

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April 8, 1954

Dear George,

Sorry I was not at home when you called and phoned. Glad to know we have good news. Please give me the details.

Please tell me when our board meeting will be held so I can plan to attend.

Could you send me* 10 copies of my speech "Wings of Eagles" in the New So?

Best wishes always,

Sincerely,

Paul Williams

* to Richmond

LIST OF GOOD PEOPLE TO BE ON THE BOARD WHO DID NOT GET ELECTED TO THE BOARD MAY 14, 1953

Howard W. Odum

R. D. Wellons

Harold L. Trigg

H. Brent Schaeffer

Paul Webber, Orangeburg

Crawford Solomon

R. P. Daniel

Mrs. Nathan C. Starr

Bishop Thomas Carruthers, Episcopalian, Charleston

Mrs. Lulellia W. Harrison, Exec. Dir., Zeta Beta Phi Sorority for whole U. S., Houston, Texas. Nominated by Mrs. Hogue

Mrs. Beaufort F. Stewart, school teacher, Houston.

Mrs. William H. Robinson, 2207 Edmundson, Houston. Negro business woman.

The latter three were Negro women nominated by Mrs. Hogue and much praised by her. She finally chose Mrs. Stewart, who, however, teaches school and could only come to meetings on a Saturday.

Bishop James Bascombe, Methodist Bishop at Jacksonville

Glenn Rainey

Mrs. Milton P. Adler

Felton Clark

Bishop Robert N. Brooks of New Orleans

Bishop William R. Moody

Francis S. Hutchins, Berea College

Arthur Raper

J. G. Pollard

Dr. F. S. Adams

Wilson Brown

Harry Roberts

Ocie Lee Smith

Mrs. William H. Hogue

William E. Cole

Hodding Carter

Dr. P. C. Kelly, Conway, S. C. Friend of M. A. W.'s. Gives us money. Cassandra Birnie would know.

Rev. Virgil E. Lowder, Houston. Director of Council of Churches.

Jim Smith, district representative, USW of A-CIO.

J. E. Crossland, Houston. Oil Workers Union-CIO.

Charles Kellstadt. Runs Sears-Roebuck in Atlanta. Warmly recommended by Louis Regenstein.

Ernest Neal

NAMES & ADDRESSES OF PERSONS RECOMMENDED BY MRS. HOGUE TO BE ON [redacted] BOARD

✓Mr. J. Edwin Smith, 3504 Oakdale (res.); Scanlan Bldg (off.), Houston

✓Mrs. Tommie Stroud, 3225 Maple Ave., Waco

✓Mr. Thomas S. Friedman, 1110 Bissonnet, Houston

✓Dr. R. O'Hara Lanier, Pres., Texas Southern Univ., 3201 Wheeler, Houston

Dr. H. A. Bullock, Texas Southern Univ., 3201 Wheeler, Houston

Mr. John Cadwell, Principal, Phyllis Wheatley High School, 4900 Market, Houston

The Rev. Virgil E. Lowder, Director, Council of Churches of Greater Houston, Autry House, 6265 Main St., Houston

Mr. Jim Smith, District Representative, United Steel Workers (CIO) of America, 6940 Ave. H (res.), Houston

Mr. J. E. Crossland, Sec.-Treas. Pasadena Oil Workers Union-CIO, 6801 Keller St. (res.) Houston

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Major J. R. Parten, 1913 Sharp Place, Houston

Dr. J. D. McLeod, State Teachers College, Huntsville, Texas

The Rev. M. S. Pinkerton, 618 Highland, Houston

✓Mr. Charles A. Shaw, Exec. V-P, Watchtower Life Insurance Co., 2206 Dowling, Houston

Mrs. Beauford F. Stewart, 2602 Eagle, Houston. Negro teacher

Mrs. Lulellia W. Harrison, 206 Claiton Park, Houston. Negro teacher

Mrs. William H. Robinson, 2207 Edmundson, Houston. Negro business woman

✓Mrs. Henry H. Tucker, 3 Shannon Dr., Little Rock

The Rt. Rev. Thomas F. Carruthers, Episcopal Diocesan Headquarters, 138 Wentworth, Charleston

The Rev. Fred Notting, St. Luke's Episcopal Church, Atlanta

✓Mr. W. A. Clayton, Kentucky

(Those checked were elected to the Board 5-14-53.)

Christopher or

PAUL R. CHRISTOPHER
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ORAL L. GARRISON
SECRETARY-TREASURER

ADDRESS REPLY TO:

May 26, 1953

Mr. George S. Mitchell
Executive Director
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear George:

Thanks for your very thoughtful note.

My new job is that of a CIO Regional Director in Region IV, embracing the states of Tennessee, Kentucky, North Carolina and Virginia, with headquarters in Knoxville.

As far as I know at this time this new assignment will not prohibit me from continuing to serve as a member of the Executive Committee of SRC.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Sincerely,

Paul

Paul R. Christopher

PRC:llr

TELEPHONE 3-3036

L. E. THOMAS
ATTORNEY AND COUNSELOR AT LAW
1035 N. W. SECOND AVENUE
MIAMI 36, FLORIDA

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Southern Regional Council

29 May 1953

Dr. George S. Mitchell, Executive Director
Souther Regional Council, Inc.,
63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. Mitchell:

Thank you for your kind letter of May 27, 1953, and you are not only assured it is all right for my name to continue on the Board list, but I shall do everything possible to make as many of these meetings as I can.

I think Atlanta, including such organizations as the Council is entitled to compliments for the showing in the last election. It is, indeed, encouraging to note the result of that election.

Yours very truly,

L. E. Thomas

L. E. Thomas

LET:ebb

May 27, 1953

Mr. L. E. Thomas
1035 N. W. Second Ave.
Miami 36, Fla.

Dear Mr. Thomas:

We were sorry not to have you for the Board meeting, but hope we can get you next time. And I have made a note that Mondays and Wednesdays don't work well with your schedule.

We chose a new Board of Directors under altered by-laws, and I am happy to say that Mr. L. E. Thomas stays on for another four-year term as a member of the board. Please write me that that is all right.

We are grateful for your kind praise of NEW SOUTH. What we do is not spectacular, but we do try to be accurate and persuasive.

Appreciatively,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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TELEPHONE 3-3036

L. E. THOMAS
ATTORNEY AND COUNSELOR AT LAW
1035 N. W. SECOND AVENUE
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25 May 1953

Dr. George S. Mitchell, Executive Director
Southern Regional Council, Inc.,
63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Dr. Mitchell:

Let me humbly apologize for not advising the Board of my inability to attend the meeting last May 13. I thought my secretary had taken care of the matter until today, but she informed me that she was not advised that burden had been put upon her. I shall make every effort to attend the next Board Meeting, but I do hope that date will not be a Monday or Wednesday. They are my very worse days in court sessions inasmuch as I must work from 8:30 to any hour up to 3 o' clock to finish the day's docket. You can appreciate I am most reluctant to throw the heavy docket days over to another judge on thop of his own work.

I follow closely the pamphlets sent me from time to time and I know of no other source so informative of what is going on as the information and dissertations written for and by your organization.

With very best wishes for the continued success of the organization under you, believe me to be

Yours very truly,

L. E. Thomas

L. E. Thomas

LET:ebb

June 2, 1953

Mr. U. S. Bond
Madison, Ark.

Dear Mr. Bond:

The membership meeting of the Southern Regional Council on May 14, 1953, upon the recommendation of the nominating committee, elected you to the Board of Directors of the Council. I do greatly hope that you can accept.

The Board is composed of some fifty persons, chosen by the membership meeting for staggered terms (mostly four years), plus 26 or 27 other persons serving as officers of the Council itself or chairmen of the various State Divisions of the Council and persons elected by the State Divisions to serve on the Board of Directors of the Southern Regional Council.

Board members have not in the past found membership an onerous task. They are expected to come to an annual meeting of the Board, for which their expenses have always been paid. They have broad responsibility for the kind of program operated by the Council, and they elect a small Executive Committee which, in quarterly meetings, supervises the staff in detail.

It is a choice group of Southern people, actively, and so far, with evident wisdom, at work on the human problems of the South.

I do hope that you can remind me that you will be willing to serve in this way.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

P.S. I enclose another letter, dictated before the May 14 meeting, which raises the matter of dues! Sorry to put an honorable invitation and a vexing small dun in the same envelope!

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Encl.

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A Council to attain, through research and action, the ideals and practices of equal opportunity for all peoples in the South.

June 3, 1953

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Rabbi Charles Mantinband
808 Mamie St.
Hattiesburg, Miss.

Dear Rabbi Mantinband:

You were present, I believe, when the membership meeting did itself the honor of electing you to the new Board of the Council, so that I needn't go into explanations of what the new Board is.

Do please write me that it is agreeable with you to serve.

Sincerely,

George Mitchell
e.c.

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:ec

The honor is all mine -
Thank you - & very much O/K
Shalom v'rocho! CM

June 3, 1953

Mrs. Grace T. Hamilton
Atlanta Urban League
239 Auburn Ave., NE
Atlanta, Ga.

Dear Grace:

I don't know whether you've heard it or not, but at the membership meeting May 14 they elected you to the Board of Directors of the Southern Regional Council. That's the new Board, which, for the time being, carries on as before, but which would become the Council itself if we got goodly sums of money. It has 50 people elected May 14, plus the Council's 7 or 8 officers, plus 22 people put on to the Board by the State Divisions.

Do write me that you can serve. I can't tell yet whether your term is long or short. Depends on what gets shaken out of a shoe box when the staggered terms are matched up.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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June 4, 1953

Mr. Herbert M. Davidson
DAYTONA BEACH NEWS-JOURNAL
Daytona Beach, Fla.

Dear Mr. Davidson:

You were present at the membership meeting, and therefore know of your election to the altered Board. So I needn't write you the mechanics of that. I take it that you will accept all right, and unless I hear from you, I will certainly put you down as a full member of the new Board.

The Agnes Scott girl who wrote you did so without our connivance, I assure you. We consider your paper outstanding in its adherence to the best of the rules!

It was a delight to see both of you.

No further news as yet from the Ford people, but we continue to be hopeful.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:ec

June 4, 1953

Rev. A. S. Turnipseed
1429 Gilmer Ave.
Montgomery, Ala.

Dear Mr. Turnipseed:

At the annual membership meeting of the Council on May 14 a new Board for the Council was chosen. The members did themselves the honor of electing you to the Board.

We have in these last three or four years, it is admitted, relaxed some of our links with the churches, and the nominating committee was at particular pains to bring on some carefully chosen ministers. You are one, and Bishop Clingman of Kentucky is another, and Dr. McDowell Richards at Columbia Seminary and Dr. McDowell at Wake Forest. They elected Bishop Moore also, but I have not yet approached him about serving.

The enclosed leaflet gives you the former Board. Much the same sort of people on the new Board, but with a few more businessmen and other persons prominent in the churches.

The first meeting of the Board, which occurred also on May 14, elected you to the Executive Committee of the Council. It is composed of the president of the Council, Marion Wright; four vice-presidents (Gordon Hancock, Alfred Mynders, A. W. Dent, Carter Wesley); the general counsel, Leonard Haas; and Harry V. Richardson, Mrs. C. M. Birnie, John Griffen, Paul Christopher, Rev. Maurice Shean, and Rufus E. Clement.

They chose you as someone within reach for meetings and as strengthening our ties with Alabama and with good purposes in general.

The Board meets once a year; the Executive Committee three or four times a year. We can always contrive to pay the expenses of those who come to the meetings, though there was, I believe, one time of drought when people got here on their own! Hope that will never be repeated!

I don't yet know the terms of office of the various persons chosen; depends on a system of drawing lots. Probably four years.

We all greatly hope that you can write us that these two elections are agreeable to you. The Council's job is more important than ever, and we earnestly want your advice in it.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:ec

June 4, 1953

Mrs. Alice N. Spearman
1511 Laurel St.
Columbia, S. C.

Dear Mrs. Spearman:

You were here, I believe, when the membership meeting elected you to the Board. So I don't have to go into the intricacies of what the new Board is.

Do write me that it is all right with you to serve.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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MOREHOUSE COLLEGE
ATLANTA, GEORGIA

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

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Mr. George S. Mitchell
Southern Regional Council
63 Auburn Avenue, NE
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Mitchell:

I am pleased to serve on the new Board which was chosen by the Council on May 14.

With kindest regards, I am

Yours truly,

Benjamin E. Mays
President

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June 3, 1953

Dr. B. E. Mays
Morehouse College
Atlanta, Ga.

Dear Dr. Mays:

The annual membership meeting of the Council on May 14 chose a new Board of Directors and did themselves the honor of electing you to it.

For the time being, the new Board continues much as the old, but the new by-laws were adopted, to be put into effect, if need be, by the Executive Committee. And under the new by-laws, this Board would become the Council. So that the prospects are that the new Board will have even greater policy determination than in the past.

I don't yet know how the terms for each Board member work out; it depends on a plan for drawing lots. But it will be four years or so, I should suppose.

I do hope you can write me that it is agreeable with you to serve on the Board.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:ec

June 8, 1953

President Alonzo G. Moron
Hampton Institute
Hampton, Va.

Dear Mr. Moron:

The membership meeting of the Council on May 14 did itself the honor of re-electing you to the Board of Directors. They altered the by-laws and elected at this time a Board which could later on become a self-perpetuating Board, coordinating the work of active State organizations in the field of race relations. So that the policy authority of the new Board is probably in full growth, particularly if we can muster sharply increased resources for next year and those to come.

I do hope it is all right with you to serve. I can't say how long the term is; depends on a drawing of lots. But probably four years. We will write you when that is done.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:ec

June 8, 1953

Dr. C. H. Parrish
University of Louisville
Louisville, Ky.

Dear Dr. Parrish:

They put you back on the Board again.

I hope that's all right?

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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June 8, 1953

Mr. Ocie Lee Smith
1500 Bishop St.
Little Rock, Ark.

Dear Ocie Lee:

I got your note and your letter. I will handle the matter about Mrs. Tucker. I know Mrs. Dawson, and I know therefore various of the things involved.

It did us all good to have you here.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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June 8, 1953

Mr. John A. Griffin
Emory University, Ga.

Dear John:

I see my letter to you of June 3 did not make mention of your election to the Executive Committee. If I don't hear from you in the near future, I will put you down as having accepted. You are an extra good member of the Board and of the Committee.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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EMORY UNIVERSITY, GEORGIA

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June 4, 1953

Dr. George S. Mitchell
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear George:

Thank you for your nice note about membership on the board. You know, of course, that I am happy to continue and gladly accept.

Sincerely,

John A. Griffin
Director

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Same letter: Morris Abram

June 3, 1953

Mr. John A. Griffen
Emory University, Ga.

Dear John:

The membership meeting May 14 did itself the honor of re-electing you to the Board of Directors of the Council. I do hope that you can write me that you accept.

I can't say how long the term is, for the moment, because the acceptances have to go in a shoe box, and some will get long terms and some short. But do come on back, anyway.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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Mr. George S. Mitchell
Executive Director
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
Room 432, 63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Mr. Mitchell:

Your note of the 4th is appreciated.

The new plan of operations under which State organizations will be the active participants appears to be a good move.

I note my reelection to the Board for a new term. While I shall be happy to attempt to serve in that capacity, I must answer that with altogether too many participations I fear that I cannot give adequate service to the Council, but I will try.

Cordially yours,

E. W. Palmer

E. W. Palmer
President

EWP:ma

June 4, 1953

Mr. E. W. Palmer
Kingsport Press
Kingsport, Tenn.

Dear Mr. Palmer:

The annual membership meeting of the Council on May 14 did itself the honor of reelecting you to the Board of Directors, and I hope you can kindly write me that you will accept.

They adopted new by-laws, to be brought into effect later on, at the discretion of the Executive Committee. The new arrangement would turn over the Southwide membership of the Council to active State organizations, and the Board of Directors of the Council would become the Council itself, with the duty of coordinating the work of the State organizations. So that the prospects are that the Board will have increased policy authority. The new by-laws call for a Board of fifty persons elected May 14, plus two representatives from each State organization affiliated with the Council, plus the seven or eight officers of the Council. Much the same sort of people who have been on the Board for the last few years, but with the addition of a few more businessmen and a few more people prominent in the churches.

We value you as a member of the Board and do hope that you can be with us for a new term. I don't know as yet whether the term is two years or four; there's a matter of casting lots to distribute long and short terms.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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ATLANTA UNIVERSITY
ATLANTA, GEORGIA

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

June 9, 1953

Dr. George S. Mitchell
Executive Director
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
Room 432, 63 Auburn Ave., N.E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Doctor Mitchell:

Thank you for your letter of June 3rd. I am pleased to accept membership on the Board of Directors and on the Executive Committee of the Southern Regional Council.

I was in New York last Friday and had an opportunity to say a good word to Ford officials about our application for funds.

With appreciation for your leadership and with kind regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

Rufus E. Clement

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June 3, 1953

Dr. Rufus E. Clement
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Ga.

Dear Dr. Clement:

I don't know that you were present in the exact moments of the annual membership meeting of the Council, but they elected you to a place on the new Board of Directors of the Council. This Board of fifty elected persons will be buttressed by the head of each State Division, one person to be chosen from each State Division, plus the six or seven officers of the Council. In all, it is seventy-odd people. For the time being, we go along much as before, but the membership meeting authorized the Executive Committee to switch to new by-laws later on if need be, and under those by-laws, this Board would be the Council, correlating the work of active State organizations, each with its own Board and its own membership rolls.

The Board meeting after the membership meeting also chose an Executive Committee; much the same as the former one. And they want you kindly to continue as a member of the Executive Committee.

Do please write me that these two arrangements are satisfactory with you.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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Dear Dr. Mitchell:

I am pleased that in spite of my recent record, the Council elected me to the new Board of the Council, and I accept this membership.

You can, of course, count upon me for any service that I can render the program of the Council. Although the past year has been an extremely difficult one for me for making all the meetings to which I had some commitment, the Council is the one regional organization in which I want to continue fully active.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Charles S. Johnson

Dr. George S. Mitchell, Executive Director
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

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June 3, 1953

Dr. Charles S. Johnson
Fisk University
Nashville 8, Tenn.

Dear Dr. Johnson:

The membership meeting of the Council on May 14 elected you to the new Board of Directors of the Council.

We have long had a proposal for a completely new structure for the Council, with active State organizations correlated by a single, self-perpetuating Board, which would itself alone be the Southern Regional Council. The annual meeting agreed to that change in structure, the timing to be within the descretion of the Executive Committee. Meanwhile, the membership meeting chose such a Board as could either continue as the Board under the present structure or serve as the Board under the new. It is to this new Board that you were elected.

I can't say yet howmmany years the term runs; depends on a drawing of lots. But probably four.

The new Board has fifty elected persons, plus the six or seven officers of the Council, plus the head of each State Division, plus someone to be chosen to the Board from each State Division.

Do write me that you can stay with us in this new capacity.

The Board meeting that followed the annual meeting chose an Executive Committee composed of: Harry V. Richardson, Mrs. C. M. Birnie, John Griffen, Rev. Andrew Turnipseed, Paul Christopher, Rev. Maurice V. Shean, Rufus E. Clement.

We were sorry to lose you from the Executive Committee, but all realized that your responsibilities have grown so greatly that we could hardly expect you to get here for the regular quarterly meetings of the Executive Committee. We are grateful for your wisdom and care on the Council's behalf, and we are confident that we may have your advice as a Board member and your intimate counsel in whatever will be the major affairs of SRC.

Sincerely,

GSM:ec

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

June 10, 1953

Dr. Henry M. Bullock
The Methodist Church
810 Broadway
Nashville 2, Tenn.

Dear Dr. Bullock:

The Southern Regional Council held its annual membership meeting on May 14, and the members did themselves the honor of electing you to the Board of Directors. That is some fifty persons chosen May 14, plus two people from each State organization of the Council, plus seven or eight officers. Much the same sort of people, and indeed, mostly exactly the same people as are listed in the out-going in the enclosed leaflet, but with the addition of several people, including yourself, from church groups and four or five more people from business fields.

I can't yet say how long the term is--depends on the drawing of lots--but probably four years.

The membership meeting adopted altered by-laws, to come into effect at the discretion of the Executive Committee. Under the new by-laws, the Council proper would dwindle to this Board, with power to fill its own vacancies. And the Board would coordinate the work of stronger, fairly independent, and assisted State organizations. The assistance, we hope, would take the form of full-time paid personnel, with salary money that we want to provide ultimately from the Council itself. These more magnificent plans depend on the success of our appeal to a major foundation. But we feel sufficiently encouraged to make arrangements to meet that possibility.

The Council, as you know, has over the years had the strongest links with the Methodist Church--indeed, we could not have lived had it not been for the three thousand-odd dollars, in one way or another, the church grants us each year.

The same meeting on May 14 chose to the Executive Committee a Methodist pastor at Montgomery, Mr. Turnipseed, so that we will be sure of having his views in the quarterly meetings of the Executive Committee.

Dr. Henry M. Bullock, June 10, 1953

Service on the Board is no great burden. It meets once a year, and expenses of the Board members are paid for the meeting.

I greatly hope that you can write me that it is agreeable with you to accept membership on our Board.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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CASSANDRA E. MAXWELL
ATTORNEY AT LAW
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June 11, 1953

Dr. George S. Mitchell
Executive Director
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
63 Auburn Avenue, N.E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. Mitchell:

Thank you for your letter of June 4th, informing me that I had been elected to the Board, and to the Executive Committee of the Southern Regional Council. I deem their action an honor to me. You know of course that I am always happy to serve the Council in any capacity.

I regretted so much that I had to be out of town when the Council met on May 13 and 14th. I would so much have liked meeting and seeing my friends, especially from South Carolina.

Call upon me at any time for any service you think I may be able to render for the Council.

With kind personal regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Cassandra Maxwell Birnie

Cassandra Maxwell Birnie

June 4, 1953

Mrs. C. M. Birnie
864 Hunter St., SW
Atlanta, Ga.

Dear Mrs. Birnie:

The membership meeting of the Council on May 14 did itself the honor of electing you again to the Board, and the Board meeting then elected you to the Executive Committee. For faithful service reward is further hard work!

This is the new Board. Fifty members elected May 14. Six or seven officers. Eleven heads of State Divisions, ex-officio, plus eleven to be chosen from the various State Divisions.

The same membership meeting adopted new by-laws, to be put into effect at the discretion of the Executive Committee. So that for the time being, the new Board works along much as the old one did. But there is the possibility that its policy function would become even more important.

I do hope you can write me that it is all right with you to accept these two jobs. We all appreciated you in the past and look forward to having yourhelp and careful thought in the future.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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Dr. George S. Mitchell
Executive Director
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Room 432
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Dr. Mitchell:

Thank you very kindly for your letter of June 3. I do appreciate the honor of being elected to the Board of the Southern Regional Council. Although our work here in Mississippi keeps us quite busy, I shall be willing to do the best I can to serve the Southern Regional Council. Kindly write me what the final action of your Board will be, and inform me of the duties of Board members.

Every good wish to you in your work.

Sincerely yours,

Jacob L. Reddix
President

JLR:mww

June 3, 1953

President Jacob L. Reddix
Jackson College
Jackson, Miss.

Dear Mr. Reddix:

At the membership meeting of the Southern Regional Council May 14, 1953, the by-laws were changed to enable the election of a new Board of Directors. This is the Board which will continue, for the time being, with just the powers of the old Board, but which could easily become a self-perpetuating Board which would be the Southern Regional Council itself, in the event that we got enough money to put paid personnel into active State organizations, to which we would turn over the present scattered membership of the Council.

A number of people who have been on the Board straight along survived on to the new one, and one of them was you. We greatly want you to be on as elected, so do please write me that you can be. I don't know how long the term will be; that depends on a system of drawing lots, which will be done when the list is complete. Probably four years.

Much the same sort of people who have been on the Board right along were elected to the new Board, though with the addition of a few more people from business and a few more from the various church bodies. No one, I assure you, who is not in sympathy with all that the Council stands for.

We all value you as Mr. Reddix and as a Mississippi representative.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:ec

HOTEL LEXINGTON
LEXINGTON AVENUE AT FORTY-EIGHTH STREET
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CHARLES E. ROCHESTER
PRESIDENT AND
MANAGING DIRECTOR

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June 11, 1953

Dear George:

I am pleased that the Council elected me to the new Board of Directors, and appreciate it all the more since the reduced number manifestly required a selective process, greater than heretofore. I shall of course be happy to serve.

Both of your letters regarding the meeting, forwarded from Athens, reached me yesterday. My sister has her own little system of sending mail along -- she merely lets it accumulate until it spills over, then bundles it up and gets it off to me!

It was good to hear that the meeting went off in good form. And about that descriptive term used by Marion Wright, I shall not dwell on the picture it conjures up in my mind! Still, I'm none too familiar with what a "peeled-willow-switch" looks like. And since the remark was made by a friend, to friends, I shall consider it a compliment until informed otherwise. By the way, he did an excellent job at the Waring meeting. When I saw the subject assigned him, "Why Southerners can no longer tolerate segregation," I had a great wonderment. But he did a neat job of by-passing it, moving out from the assumption that segregation would be done away with and describing -- in a manner you would have been proud of -- the work of the Council in paving the way for the transition. I like the man.

I'm having a beautiful time. No doubt Harold has told you of my break in being accredited as a correspondent at the UN, and that in meeting a formality I took the liberty of representing New South. Actually, I am of course nothing more than a spectator. But the little press card has given me the run of the place, and, happily, has done so at a time of momentous developments.

HOTEL LEXINGTON
LEXINGTON AVENUE AT FORTY-EIGHTH STREET
NEW YORK 17, N.Y.

CHARLES E. ROCHESTER
PRESIDENT AND
MANAGING DIRECTOR

I had thought I would have this privilege for one month only but here again I had a break. In the Delegates Lounge I ran into an old friend who happens now to be a deputy Secretary-General of the UN and I have seen something of him since. It would be preposterous, he said, for me not to have access to the UN for as long a time as I am here and he promptly arranged for renewal of the press card. Furthermore, Clark Eichelberger, head of the American Association for the UN, has said that he would fix me up as an observer for his outfit should I need it. But I would far prefer the arrangement I now have since it gives me, among other things, access to the numerous press bulletins that flow in from all over the world.

As you see, I've assumed that this New South little angle is alright with you. OK?

I'll be seeing you ere long. Meanwhile, the best of wishes -- and earnest prayers to God, Ford, Hoffman, etc.

Warm regards,

Josephine

Josephine Wilkins

Dr. George S. Mitchell, Executive Director
Southern Regional Council
Atlanta, Georgia

Accepted.
Letter lost.

June 3, 1953

Miss Josephine Wilkins
387 Milledge Ave.
Athens, Ga.

Dear Josephine:

The membership meeting of the Council May 14 did itself the honor of electing you to the new Board of Directors.

They amended the by-laws so as to use, for the time being, the Board provided for in the by-laws which you so carefully revised.

I don't know yet how long the various terms will be. They get staggered on a system of lots. But I guess it will be four years.

Do write me that you can serve.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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GAMMON THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY
ATLANTA, GEORGIA
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Dr. George S. Mitchell, Director
Southern Regional Council
63 Auburn Avenue, N.E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Brother George:

In reply to your letter of June 3, I am pleased to accept membership on the new Board of the Southern Regional Council and also on the Executive Committee.

In accepting these two places, I pledge myself to serve more effectively in the Council in the coming year. The past year was one of continued travel and absence from Atlanta. I am trying to arrange my work for next year so that I can be here more and give more time to the Council's great work.

I should like to say that I count it an honor to be associated with you in all that you are doing to make a greater Southland and a stronger nation.

Yours sincerely,

Harry V. Richardson

Harry V. Richardson
President

HVR:d

June 3, 1953

Mr. Harry V. Richardson
Gammon Theological Seminary
Atlanta, Ga.

Dear Mr. Richardson:

The membership meeting on May 14 did itself the honor of electing you to the new Board of the Council. That is fifty people elected that day, plus the head of each State organization, plus one more from each State organization, plus the six or seven officers of the Council. The same meeting adopted new by-laws, which, at a time to be fixed by the Executive Committee, will come into effect. And under the new by-laws, the new Board would really be the Council. So that the policy function of the Board is considerably greater than before.

Also, the Board meeting elected you to the Executive Committee. Much the same Executive Committee as before.

I do hope you can write me that you are agreeable to both these choices.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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Dr. Geo. S. Mitchell
Executive Director
Southern Regional Council
63 Auburn Ave., N. E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. Mitchell:

I am ashamed to admit it but I have attended almost zero meetings of the Board of Directors of the Southern Regional Council. It is embarrassing to accept the reelection about which you so recently advised me.

Charge it up either to my ego or my abiding faith in the fundamental soundness of Southern movements and particularly the Council if I say that I am flattered to go along on the Board and promise to be of more service.

Sincerely yours,

L. D. Milton
President

LDM:n

June 8, 1953

Mr. L. D. Milton
Citizens Trust Co.
212 Auburn Ave., NE
Atlanta, Ga.

The membership meeting of the Council on May 14 did itself the honor of re-electing you as a member of the Board of Directors of the Council. I do hope that it is all right with you to accept. I can't yet say how long the term is; depends on a drawing of lots. But we look forward to having your continued advice and cooperation.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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Tuskegee Institute

TUSKEGEE INSTITUTE
ALABAMA

June 12, 1953

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Dr. George S. Mitchell
Executive Director
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. Mitchell:

I have your letter of June 9 informing me of my having been elected to the Board of the Southern Regional Council. If you feel that there is any service which I might be able to render as a member of the Board for such period as the Board designates, I would be very glad to accept the assignment. I shall be looking forward to receiving from you further information concerning the final decision of the administrative staff.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

C. G. Gomillion

C. G. Gomillion

CGG:p

June 9, 1953

Mr. Charles G. Gomillion
Box 31
Tuskegee Institute, Ala.

Dear Mr. Gomillion:

The membership meeting of the Council on May 14 chose a reconstituted Board of Directors and did themselves the honor of electing you to the Board. I do hope you can serve.

This new Board runs along much as the old for the time being, but the prospect is that, under altered by-laws (adopted at the meeting and to come into effect at the discretion of the Executive Committee), the Council would dwindle to the Board of Directors itself, and the various State organizations would be strengthened (we hope) with the aid of a subsidy from the Council to enable them to put on paid personnel. So that the coordinating functions of the Board of the Council become of increasing importance.

Do write me that it is all right with you to serve. I can't yet say how long the term is--depends on the drawing of lots--but probably four years or so.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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Mr. George S. Mitchell
63 Auburn Ave. N.E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear George:

I will be pleased to serve on the Board of Directors of the Council.

With every kind regard, I am,

Sincerely,

Morris B. Abram

A/c

Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary
AN AGENCY OF THE SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION
Wake Forest, North Carolina

EDWARD A. McDOWELL
PROFESSOR OF NEW
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June 13, 1953.

Dr. George S. Mitchell,
Executive Director,
Southern Regional Council, Inc.,
Room 432, 63 Auburn Ave, N.E.,
Atlanta 3, Ga.

Dear Dr. Mitchell:

I thank you for your letter of June 4 notifying me of my re-election to the Board of Directors of the Southern Regional Council.

I shall be happy to serve again as a member of the Board. I know that in recent years I have not been very active, but I had the honor of being a charter member of the Board and I do want to maintain my connection with the Council. I hope that when I have become better oriented to North Carolina and my situation here I can take a more active part in the work of the Council. There is much to be done - even in North Carolina, which I have found is not as liberal on the race question as is Kentucky. As a matter of fact the rank and file people in North Carolina pretty well conform to the Southern pattern of prejudice.

I am pleased at the progress being made. The election of Dr. Clement to the school board in Atlanta is a milestone. Before I left Louisville I had the pleasure of seeing three Negro graduates receive their degrees in an un-segregated commencement function. When I went to Louisville in 1935 it was even difficult to speak out on the race issue.

I shall hope to be able to attend the next meeting of the Board.

Very sincerely yours,

Edward A. McDowell

Edward A. McDowell

June 4, 1953

Dr. E. A. McDowell
Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary
Wake Forest, N. C.

Dear Dr. McDowell:

The membership meeting of the Southern Regional Council on May 14 did itself the honor of re-electing you to the Board of Directors of the Council. I do hope you can write me that you can serve.

They adopted new by-laws, to come into effect at the discretion of the Executive Committee; and under this change, the scattered membership of the Council would be turned over to active State organizations. We hope we can get the money to contribute salary subsidies to each State organization for full-time paid personnel. Then the Southern Regional Council would become really this new Board, with the duty of coordinating the work of the State organizations.

I don't know as yet whether your term would be two years or four; depends on a drawing of lots.

Much the same people who have been on the Board these last few years, but with the addition of a few businessmen and several more people outstanding in the churches. The new Board is to have fifty persons elected May 14, plus two from each State organization, plus seven or eight Council officers.

We value, as we always have, the link with you and with the Seminary at Louisville and at Wake Forest.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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Mr. George S. Mitchell, Executive Director
Southern Regional Council
63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear George:

I have always made it a policy not to be a "letterhead" director of anything and I am afraid that my other duties have reduced me to this dim status in connection with the Southern Regional Council. I think, therefore, that I should vacate the position on the Board and make room for someone who is able to devote more time to it.

I am honored by your suggestion that I continue, but under the circumstances I think I should decline.

Regards,

Harry S. Ashmore

Harry S. Ashmore
Executive Editor

HSA:map

June 4, 1953

Mr. Harry A. Ashmore, Editor
ARKANSAS GAZETTE
Box 110
Little Rock, Ark.

Dear Mr. Ashmore:

The annual membership meeting of the Council on May 14 re-elected you to the Board, and I do greatly hope that you can write me that you are agreeable to serving for a further term.

The meeting adopted new by-laws, to come into effect later on, at the discretion of the Executive Committee. The new by-laws turn the scattered membership of the Council over to State organizations, which we hope we will be able to assist with salary money for paid personnel. The Council itself would, under these by-laws, shrink to a single self-perpetuating Board. For the time being, the Board carries on as heretofore, but it is this just elected Board which would become the Southern Regional Council when and if the new by-laws come into operation.

I don't know yet whether we will ask you to serve a four-year term or a two-year term; depends on a drawing of lots.

You are of quite particular help to us as a Board member, and we do greatly hope that you can stay on. The new Board is made up very largely of people who have been on the Board here lately, but with the addition of a few more business people and persons outstanding in the churches.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:ec

June 16, 1953

Mr. A. J. Clement, Jr.
Station A, Box 36
Charleston, S. C.

Dear Mr. Clement:

Many thanks for your kind letter of June 11. We look forward to having you on the Board.

I send you separately, with much pleasure, 25 copies of the May issue of NEW SOUTH.

We are trying to get in each State a volunteer person who will inform himself fully on the school situation and be prepared to steer us, as well as other groups in the State, on alternative programs to what the governors are too likely to be recommending. In South Carolina Howard McClain has taken on that job. We hope that later on, if we can get money, we can construct in each State a school committee which would do a steady job of putting before the people of the State a proper program that could be agreed upon by the leadership of both races.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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A. J. CLEMENT, JR.
DISTRICT MANAGER

DURHAM, NORTH CAROLINA

Station "A" Box 36
Charleston, S. C.
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Mr. George S. Mitchell
Executive Director
Southern Regional Council
63 Auburn Avenue N. E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Mitchell:

Thanks for the information contained in your letter of June 9th., and it is my decision to plan to serve actively as a member of the Board of Directors. I appreciate the election to this Board.

I have been immensely impressed by the May Issue of "New South" and would appreciate your allowing me to have at least twenty-five copies for distribution amongst interested persons in this area.

It is my belief that the decision of the Supreme Court to call for a rehearing of the Segregation Cases gives all interested interracial groups in the South a wonderful opportunity to prepare our communities for their ultimate decision and I am very glad for the opportunity to work cooperatively and temperately with any organization that seeks to create a better climate in which all peoples may live.

With our very best wishes.

Very truly yours,

A. J. Clement, Jr.

A. J. Clement, Jr.
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June 9, 1953

Mr. A. J. Clement, Jr.
32 Bogard St.
Charleston 24, S. C.

Dear Mr. Clement:

The membership meeting of the Council on May 14 chose a reconstituted Board of Directors and did themselves the honor of electing you to the Board. I do hope you can serve.

This new Board runs along much as the old for the time being, but the prospect is that, under altered by-laws (adopted at the meeting and to come into effect at the discretion of the Executive Committee), the Council would dwindle to the Board of Directors itself, and the various State organizations would be strengthened (we hope) with the aid of a subsidy from the Council to enable them to put on paid personnel. So that the coordinating functions of the Board of the Council becomes of increasing importance.

Do write me that it is all right with you to serve. I can't yet say how long the term is--depends on the drawing of lots--but probably four years or so.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

June 17, 1953

Mr. J. D. Rust
The John Rust Foundation
508 Simmons Bldg.
Pine Bluff, Ark.

Dear Mr. Rust:

Wise enough--your letter of June 10.

We are delighted that you are getting your legal problems solved.

Regards to you both.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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The John Rust Foundation

Incorporated

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PINE BLUFF, ARKANSAS

508 Simmons Bldg.

June 10, 1953

RECEIVED
JUN 12 [redacted]
Southern Regional Council

Dr. George S. Mitchell, Executive Director
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
Room 432
63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Dr. Mitchell:

This is in response to your letter of May 18. The delay was the result of our being tied up in Court with the Pearson Suit. We had to give all our time to that for eight days, but the Court decided in our favor.

I deeply appreciate your invitation to have me become a member of your Board, but I believe at the present time I can be of more help in my non-associated positon. So lets keep it this way for awhile and see what another year will bring.

Yours sincerely,

J. D. Rust

JDR:cs

May 18, 1953

Mr. J. D. Rust
The John Rust Foundation
508 Simmons Bldg.
Pine Bluff, Ark.

Dear Mr. Rust:

The Southern Regional Council had its annual membership meeting yesterday, and in choosing a whole new Board of Directors, gave itself the pleasure of asking you to become a member of its Board. I guess it would be either a two-year term or a four-year term, depending on how the lot drawing comes out.

The duties are not onerous. You would be expected to come to a Board meeting once a year, at the Council's expense, and we would count on you some for helping to spread the Council's general program in your area. Other Arkansas people elected were: Harry Ashmore, U. S. Bond, Mrs. Floyd Bates, and Mrs. Henry Tucker. All except Mr. Bond are from Little Rock.

Do write us that you can come on. We would feel honored to have you.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:ec
Dictated May 15

June 17, 1953

Mrs. J. N. Rayzor
3207 Groveland Lane
Houston 19, Texas

Dear Mrs. Rayzor:

We sincerely want you on our Board, and value you the more for your conscientious scruples on your problems of getting to Board meetings. We have some number of Board members who don't come to meetings and don't have scruples! So I put you down as a full and proper Board member, here and now.

Yes, do please go and talk to Major Parten. If you need any more briefing about the Council before you go, Mrs. Crate or Mrs. Hogue would help shape the bolstering arguments. But I suspect that mostly what is needed is simply conversation with him about these problems in the South and evidence of your faith in the worthwhileness of the Council's effort from within. Let me know how you come out, please.

Warmly,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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HORSE VALLEY RANCH
MEDINA, TEXAS

RECEIVED
JUN 15
Southern Regional Council

Wednesday, June 10, '53

Dear Dr. Mitchell,

Please forgive me for the delay in writing you. In regard to my election to the Board of the Southern Regional Council – I have been undecided whether or not it is wrong to accept, since attendance at meetings is problematical. This, I fear you know, that my husband's health is somewhat precarious. I

HORSE VALLEY RANCH
MEDINA, TEXAS

an honorest and so interested in the detail work you are doing, but I don't want to occupy space that someone else might more profitably fill.

Please let me know what your views are in this matter.

Sincerely,

Eugenia Rayzor (Mrs J. H. Rayzor)

P.S. I'd be glad to call on Major Porter should you so desire. I wish he could be on the S.R.C. Board

May 18, 1953

Mrs. J. N. Rayzor
3207 Groveland Lane
Houston 19, Texas

Dear Mrs. Rayzor:

Many thanks for your wire. We had a successful meeting, and Mrs. Hogue contributed greatly to it. Sorry that we couldn't have you, but will hope for better luck next time.

We elected to the Board from Texas Mrs. J. N. Rayzor and Mrs. Tommie Stroud and Tom Friedman and Dr. R. O'Hara Lanier and Mr. J. Edwin Smith and Charles A Shaw.

I would have put up a scrap to get Mrs. Hogue on the Board, but as she was a member of the nominating committee that picked the Board, it just couldn't work out this year. Much the same thing was true with an able man named Ocie Lee Smith from Arkansas, who was on the nominating committee and should be on the Board. Same thing with another man named Ernest Neal from Tuskegee.

Do write us that you can come on again. I don't know whether it will be for a two-year term or a four-year term. (Depends on how names get pulled out of a hat.) But we do cordially want you to accept.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:ec

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June 17, 1953

Dr. O. D. Duncan
Department of Sociology
Oklahoma A&M College
Stillwater, Okla.

Dear Dr. Duncan:

Many thanks for your letter. We are mighty glad to have you.

I will try to remember what you say about the time of meetings. Ordinarily, they come in early November, but this was a kind of extra.

I should think if you got together a committee in Oklahoma and at least the officers of it joined the Council, that would be a beginning. There is so little I can do really to help your people. But I would like to see a really vigorous Oklahoma movement which considers itself friendly to the Council.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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Oklahoma
Agricultural and Mechanical College
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY AND RURAL LIFE
STILLWATER

June 8, 1953

RECEIVED
JUN 10
Southern Regional Council

Dr. George S. Mitchell
Southern RegionalCouncil
Room 432, 63 Auburn Ave., N. E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Dr. Mitchell:

This is to reply to your letter of June 3. I am surprised, however, that you were working on the birthday of Jefferson Davis.

I shall be glad to serve again as a member of the new Board of Directors. It often embarrasses me that meetings come at such impossible times. Even a week earlier in May would be better for me, or more preferably still, sometime between October 15, and December 15 of each year. That may be a bad period for others.

My hopes are to try to form a small working committee in Oklahoma, in order that it may help me a little. I cannot do this until after the September meeting of the Rural Sociological Society. I am its president, and the meeting will be here. Meanwhile, if you have any suggestions, please send them along to me.

Sincerely yours,

O. D. Duncan

O. D. Duncan, Head
Department of Sociology and Rural Life

ODD/abb

June 3, 1953

Mr. O. D. Duncan
Oklahoma A&M College
Stillwater, Okla.

Dear Mr. Duncan:

You were present, I believe, when the membership meeting did itself the honor of electing you to the new Board, and I therefore needn't explain the intricacies of the organization.

Do write me that you can accept.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:ec

INSTITUTE FOR RESEARCH IN SOCIAL SCIENCE
UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA, CHAPEL HILL

June 19, 1953

Dr. George S. Mitchell, Executive Director
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
Room 432, 63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta, 3, Georgia

Dear George:

I am honored to be asked to serve on the new Board of Directors of the Southern Regional Council. I am glad to accept and I shall do the best I can.

I thought the recent Board meeting was very interesting and I hated like everything to have to leave immediately and miss the membership meeting the next day.

Best wishes to all.

Sincerely yours,

Guy

Guy B. Johnson
Professor of Sociology

GBJ:gbm

June 4, 1953

Dr. Guy B. Johnson
Box 652
Chapel Hill, N. C.

Dear Guy:

The membership meeting put you on the new Board. I do hope you can serve. They adopted the new by-laws, to come into effect later on, at the discretion of the Executive Committee. Much the same people that have always been on the Board, but with a few more people outstanding in the churches and a few more businessmen.

Warmly,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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June 24, 1953

Dr. George S. Mitchell
Executive Director
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
Room 432, 63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Dr. Mitchell:

It was good seeing you at Aaronsburg, sorry that we never did get a chance to finish the conversation we began. But it was my experience to start them that way constantly, and then get them interrupted and never get a chance to finish whatever you started with anybody.

That is another indication of the fact that everybody was having a good time, and everybody was bent upon trying to get the solution to the question as to how one can live above one's prejudices.

Thanks so much for your very informative letter of June 8. I will stay connected with the Southern Regional Council as long as those who are in charge feel that I can be of any service.

With every good wish, I am

Very truly yours,

Carter Wesley

Carter Wesley

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June 8, 1953

Mr. Carter Wesley
Box 3086
Houston 1, Texas

Dear Mr. Wesley:

We had an excellent Board meeting May 13 and a good, if thinly attended, membership meeting May 14. The membership adopted new by-laws which would (when, at the discretion of the Executive Committee, they come into effect) convert the Council into a sort of federation of active State organizations. Under the new by-laws, the Southern Regional Council would really become a single, self-perpetuating Board with fifty elected members, plus two from each State Division, plus the officers of the Council.

I am happy to say that the Board meeting following the membership meeting re-elected you as a vice-president. Indeed, they re-elected all the officers and the present Executive Committee, except that in Charles Johnson's place (regretfully not re-elected to the Executive Committee solely because he has been too busy to get here much) they put a Methodist parson named Turnipseed from Montgomery. And we substituted Rev. Maurice Shean of Rock Hill for the Rev. V. J. O'Connell of New Orleans.

We are most anxious to keep you on as a vice-president, and unless I hear from you to the contrary, I will take it that you accept the continuance of that duty.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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• means 95M wrote May 29 × 95M wrote June 5

√ 95M wrote June 1
• 95M wrote June 3

For members of the Board of Directors

C 95M Invited June 25.

• John Griffin, Atlanta
√ John C. Lewis, Baton Rouge, Box 2110
• Morris Abram, Atlanta
× √ R. B. Atwood, Frankfort, Ky., State College
+ 95M wrote June 30 √ Charles S. Johnson, Nashville
√ Rufus Clement, Atlanta
√ B. E. Mays, Atlanta
√ O. D. Duncan, ~~Oklahoma City~~ Stillwater Okla. A & M College
√ Harry V. Richardson, Atlanta
√ Rabbi Charles Mantinband, Hattiesburg, 808 Mamie St.
95M wrote July 6. √ Rev. Andrew Turnipseed, Montgomery, 1429 Gilmer Ave.
√ Mrs. E. H. Spearman, ~~Exl Newberry, S.C.~~ 1519 Laurel St. Columbia, S.C.
√ Mrs. C. M. Birnie, Atlanta, 864 Hunter St., S.W.
• Clyde Milner, Guilford College, N.C.
accepted Bd & Ex Committee May 27 (?), '53 • Paul Christopher, Knoxville, 216 Flatiron Bldg.
• E. W. Palmer, ~~Johnson City~~ Kingsport Press, Kingsport Tenn.
• ~~Harry Ashmore, Little Rock~~ Arkansas Gazette
Accepted June 6 today • Rev. Maurice Shean, Rock Hill, CCS, Box 895
Louisville • Bishop Charles Clingman, Kentucky, 421 S. 2nd St.
Accepts salary says no pay • Mr. H. M. Davidson, Daytona Beach,
× √ James L. Coker, Hartsville, Sonoco Products
• Mrs. G. T. Hamilton, Atlanta, 239 Auburn
• Guy B. Johnson, Chapel Hill, Box 652
• Z. A. Looby, Nashville, 419 4th Ave., N.
• L. D. Milton, Atlanta, 212 Auburn
√ Bishop Arthur J. Moore, Atlanta
• Alonzo Moron, Hampton, Inst., Hampton, Va.
• E. A. McDowell, Wake Forest, SEtern Bapt.
• C. H. Parrish, Louisville, Univ. of Louisville
× √ Bishop E. A. Penick, Raleigh, 802 Hillsboro St.
√ Mrs. J. N. Rayzor, Houston, 3207 Groveland Lane
• Jacob L. Reddix, Jackson College, Jackson, Miss.
Franklin × √ Mrs. E. U. Robinson, Tennessee, 125 5th Ave., S.
+ √ Morton Weiss, Atlanta, 45 Valley Rd., NW
× √ Mrs. W. Floyd Bates, North Little Rock, 125 Atkins St.
√ Mrs. Henry H. Tucker, Little Rock, 3 Shannon Dr.
• U. S. Bond, ~~Arkansas~~ Madison, Arkansas
× √ Miss Florence Sytz, New Orleans, Tulane Sch. of Soc. Wk.
• John McCann, New Orleans 12 231 Baronne St.
accepted May 29. '53 → L. E. Thomas, Miami, 1035 NW 2nd Ave., Miami
• John H. Wheeler, Durham, Mechanics & Farmers Bank
~~+ E. O. Colwell, Emory~~

Miss Josephine Wilkins, Athens 387 Milledge Ave.
Paul Williams, Richmond, 3320 Gloucester Rd.
Thomas W. Young, Norfolk, Journal & Guide, Box 209
J McDowell Richards, Decatur, Ga. Columbia Seminary
Rev. Paul Harding Jr. Birmingham, 1st Meth. Ch., 518 N. 19th St.
Station A Box 36 A. J. Clement, Charleston, ~~32 Bogard St.~~
Chas. G. Gomillion, Tuskegee Inst., Box 31
John Rust, ~~Pine Bluff~~, Arkansas, 508 Simmons Bldg.
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J. Edwin Smith, Houston, 3504 Oakdale
Mrs. Tomie Stroud, Waco, 3225 Maple Ave.
Tom Freedman, Houston, 1110 Bissonnet
Richard O'Hara Lanier, Houston, Tex. Sou. U., 320 Keeler
~~Macco Smith, Dallas~~
Mrs. J. Fount Tillman, ~~Nashville~~, Ronte 1, Lewisburg, Tenn.
~~Will Clayton, Kentucky~~
~~Dr. Henry M. Bullock~~, Nashville
Charles A. Shaw, Houston, 2206 Dowling, Houston

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C. M. Biddie
E W Palmer.
W. Osborne.
W. M. Hamlin.
Jas L Carter.
Guy Johnson.
G A Rooty.
L D Miller.
Warren.
Wm Dowell.
Patrick.
Mazyck.
Wm Robinson
W. L. Weiss.

Nominating Committee from among members of the Board, to nominate Officers and an Executive Committee

President, Marion A Wright - was present
Vice Presidents
- Gordon Hancock - was present
- Alfred Mynders - accepted, May 20, 1st
- A. W. Dent.
- Carter Weslyy
Counsel Leonard Haas

Executive Committee

- Harry V. Richardson
- Mrs. C. M. Birnie
- John Griffen
- Rev. A. Turnipseed.
- Paul Christopher accepted, May 20?
- Rev. Maurice Shean accepted since
- Rufus E. Clement

✓ Letter wrote June 1.
○ " " June 5

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Southern Regional Council

June 26, 1953

Dr. George S. Mitchell
Executive Director
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Doctor Mitchell:

I have just returned to the campus after an absence of three weeks and find here your letter of June 8. I want to assure you that I am quite willing to serve as best I can as a vice president of the SRC.

Sincerely yours,

A. W. Dent
President

/db

June 8, 1953

Dr. A. W. Dent
Dillard University
New Orleans, La.

Dear Dr. Dent:

The Board meeting on May 14 did itself the honor of re-electing you as a vice-president of the Council. Unless I hear otherwise from you, we will take it that you accept.

The same officers as heretofore, and the same Executive Committee, except that they did not re-elect Charles Johnson to the Executive Committee (regretfully, and only because he has been too busy to get here to many meetings), and put on in his stead a Methodist minister named Turnipseed from Montgomery.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:ec

SRC 6 — 4

June 26, 1953

Dr. Z. A. Looby
419 Fourth Ave., N.
Nashville 3, Tenn.

Dear Dr. Looby:

Our membership meeting on May 14 elected a new Board of Directors. Fifty members were chosen then, plus two to be added later from each State organization. They altered the by-laws in such a manner as to change the Council itself, when the by-laws come fully into effect, into a Board of Directors with power to fill its own vacancies. The present Southwide membership of the Council would be turned over to active State organizations, each with its own policy body and each with its own staff. The Council itself hopes that it will be in position to help the State organizations with the payment of staff. SRC would coordinate the work of the State groups and employ a small staff of people to get research answers to the day-to-day needs of action people in the States.

Those from Tennessee who were elected May 14 to the Board were yourself, Dr. Charles S. Johnson, Mrs. E. U. Robinson, and Dr. Henry M. Bullock (who has written me that it will not be possible for him to serve).

You are an old Board member and know all about us--what and how we do. While the new Board promises to have somewhat increased responsibilities, I am satisfied it can get by with a single annual meeting, and as you know, we have nearly always been able to pay the expenses of Board members to the meeting.

I greatly hope that you can write me that you can serve. We honor you and sincerely want you.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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JUL 6
Southern Regional Council

Mr. George S. Mitchell, Executive Director
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
Room 432, 63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Mr. Mitchell:

I don't know how to decline an invitation to participate in a work as instructive and as enlightened as that which the Southern Regional Council has been doing for the last decade or more.

If I can render any service I shall be happy to do so. It is a privilege to accept membership on the Board of Directors. I await further instructions.

Sincerely yours,

Thomas W. Young

Thomas W. Young
President

TWY:bw

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June 26, 1953

Mr. Thomas Young
JOURNAL & GUIDE
Norfolk, Va.

Dear Mr. Young:

The membership meeting of the Southern Regional Council of May 14, having adopted altered by-laws, elected a new Board of Directors. Many of those who have been on the Board for some time were asked to continue to serve, but there were also some changes, mostly in the direction of getting more people from business and from the churches. The nominees from Virginia were Paul Williams and yourself. In addition, the Department of Christian Social Relations of the Virginia Council of Churches, though unaffiliated with the Council, was given the right to have its chairman, Rev. W. Carroll Brooke of Staunton, serve as ex-officio member of the Board and the further right (in common with affiliated committees and State Divisions) to elect one additional person, ex-officio, to the Board.

In the reorganization we lost from membership on the Board many of our most helpful and devoted friends, among them your father, as I will be writing him in a few days. Obviously, the nominating committee was most anxious to get you to be on the Board to continue the honored link with the Youngs.

The new by-laws, when finally brought into effect, will alter the structure of the Council, which, in its own name, will become merely a self-perpetuating Board of Trustees, coordinating the work of active State organizations and, we hope, substantially assisting them with funds. So that this new Board is in for increased responsibility. Ordinarily, it will not meet more than once a year, and it has always been possible (with one sad exception!) to pay the expenses of Board members to the annual meeting.

We do all greatly hope that it will be possible for you to accept.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:ec

Mechanics and Farmers Bank

Durham, North Carolina

JOHN H. WHEELER
PRESIDENT

July 6 1953

RECEIVED
JUL 7
Southern Regional Council

Dr. George S. Mitchell, Executive Director
SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, Inc.
Room 432 - 63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Dr. Mitchell:

This will acknowledge your letter of June 26 advising that I was elected to membership on the Board of Directors of the Council.

I am accepting membership on the Board against my better judgment, because I am beginning to feel that my time and efforts are being spread thinly over too wide an area. On the other hand, my interest in what the Council has done and is now doing is so great, that I cannot refuse to serve in a capacity in which you feel I can be helpful.

It was a pleasant experience for me to see and talk with you at the Aaronsburg meeting.

Sincerely yours,

J. H. Wheeler, President

JHW:c

SRC 4

June 26, 1953

Mr. John H. Wheeler
Mechanics & Farmers Bank
Durham, N. C.

Dear Mr. Wheeler:

At the membership meeting May 14 they picked a substantially revised Board of Directors. The meeting adopted new by-laws and picked such a Board as it thought suitable for running the Council under the altered structure. The changes, when brought into effect, will turn over the present Southwide membership of the Council to active State organizations, each with its own Board and staff. We hope that the Council will be in a position to help each State organization for several years to come with almost full provision of salary for State staff. The Southern Regional Council itself will become merely a central Board of Directors with power to fill its own vacancies. It will coordinate the work of the State organizations, continue to publish a magazine, and employ a small staff of people to engage in what we call action-research--helping the State people to find answers to particular problems as they may arise.

The membership chose fifty persons to be on this new Board of Directors, one of them yourself. In addition to these fifty, each State organization will have its chairman and one other person as ex-officio members of the Board of the Council itself.

The North Carolinians who were elected to the new Board are yourself, Dr. McDowell of Wake Forest, and Bishop Penick.

The Board will continue to meet once a year, as heretofore. And, as you know, we have always been able, with one sad exception, to pay the expenses of Board members to the meeting.

The new Board has every likelihood of having substantially increased importance and responsibility, and I do greatly hope that you can write me that you will be good enough to serve. You are an important man to us, and we value greatly the long and helpful link with you.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:ec

July 7, 1953

Very Rev. Maurice V. Shean, C.O.
Catholic Committee of the South
Box 895
Rock Hill, S. C.

Dear Father Shean:

Most kind of you to send over the information about Ralph Barbare. I have written him and asked him to serve on the Board.

I look forward to the gathering at Belmont Abbey.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:ec

The Catholic Committee of the South

P. O. BOX 895

ROCK HILL, SOUTH CAROLINA

July 1, 1953

RECEIVED
JUL 6
Southern Regional Council

Dr. George S. Mitchell
Executive Director
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
63 Auburn Avenue N. E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Dr. Mitchell:

I must answer your letter of June 29, hurriedly because I am about to leave to go to Chicago.

Ralph Barbare, rather than Barbee, is Director of the Winthrop Training School, which is the high school connected with Winthrop College. He is married. His wife's name is Polly, and they have three children. His address is 607 College Avenue, Rock Hill, South Carolina, and his telephone number R.H. 5467. I am, at the moment, not in a position to tell you very much about him, except that I have heard that he is a very energetic worker and has done, so I have heard, a rather good job at the Training School. It will not be possible for me today to garnish more information, but as soon as I do, I will pass it on to you.

With every good wish, I am,

Yours in Christ and St. Philip,

Maurice V. Shean, C. O.

(Very Rev.) Maurice V. Shean, C. O.

MVS:e

July 10, 1953

Mr. John McCann
231 Baronne St.
New Orleans 12, La.

Dear Mr. McCann:

Our annual membership meeting on May 14 did itself the honor of electing you to the Board of Directors of the Southern Regional Council. I do hope you can accept.

The enclosed leaflet gives the outgoing Board. Most of these were reelected, and a few people from various business fields and some church groups were chosen in addition.

We have for some years had Father Vince on the Executive Committee, but with the sad loss of him to Minnesota, the Board substituted Father Maurice Shean as a member of the Executive Committee.

The Board meets only once a year, and, while its policy decisions are ruling, service on the Board is no great burden. And we have customarily been able to pay the expenses of those who come to the meeting.

Florence Syts is a member of the Board, and Father Twomey is a member, ex-officio. I hope that, in one way or another, Mrs. Adler will be on the Board, ex-officio, also.

Do write me that it is all right with you to serve. We will rejoice to have you.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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July 8, 1953

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Southern Regional Council

Dr. George Mitchell, Exec.-Dir.
Southern Regional Council
63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear George,

Your request for John McCann's address finally caught up with me. It is: McCann's Church Goods Store, 231 Baronne Street, New Orleans 12, Louisiana. You did well by placing Johnny on the SRC's Board. He is an effective and enthusiastic promoter of interracial justice, and I am sure he will give you and the Council the best (and that's a lot) that he has.

For the last seven summers I have been on the staff of the SSCA. It is a travelling summer school, and this year it will take me from coast to coast and from the Lakes to the Gulf. It is a great experience, but more important it gives me an opportunity to hammer home to thousands of young people and their teachers the basic principles and practices of social justice and charity.

I will not be back in New Orleans until September 7th. At that time it will again be the order to get into the swing of things racial and industrial.

God bless you always, George, and continue to inspire you to labor for the uplift of His little ones.

Sincerely as always,

L. J. Twomey S.J.

L. J. Twomey, S. J.

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July 14, 1953

DEAN OF THE FACULTIES

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Dr. George S. Mitchell
Executive Director
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
Room 432,
63 Auburn Avenue, N.E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Mr. Mitchell:

I am very much flattered by the action of your members in nominating me for membership on the Board. But this action comes at a time, when I am in the midst of vigorous retrenchment. I have been working with a hatchet to chop myself free from as many external obligations as possible, since at this moment I feel very much depressed at what I have failed to do in the past year at Emory.

In view of all the rejections and resignations which I have made, I do not believe I can conscientiously assume another external obligation. I regret this very much, as I admire you and the work of your organization and I hope I shall be able to be of some help to it, even though I cannot become a member of its Board.

Sincerely yours,

Ernest Colwell

Ernest Cadman Colwell
Dean of the Faculties

ECC:rk

July 9, 1953

Dr. E. C. Colwell
Emory University, Ga.

Dear Dr. Colwell:

The Council had its annual membership meeting May 14 here in Atlanta. They altered the by-laws substantially and paved the way for a whole new structure of the Council, under which our scattered Southwide membership would be turned over to active State organizations, these in turn to be coordinated by a central Board of Directors, which Board would really be the Southern Regional Council. Fifty persons elected at the May 14 Meeting, plus two to come on to the Board from each State organization, plus the seven or eight officers of the Council. The enclosed leaflet gives the former Board (many of whom are on the new one) plus a quick summary of SRC.

The Board meets once a year. It chooses an Executive Committee (which John Griffin serves on), and the Executive Committee in quarterly meetings sets policy for the staff, within the general directions of the annual meeting of the Board.

The membership meeting did themselves the honor of electing you to the Board of Directors. It is not an onerous job, but it is a job that calls for earnest policy consideration in the annual meetings and some concentration during the year.

We do greatly hope that you can write me that you accept and will be part of the Board.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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Montag BROS., INC.
FASHIONABLE WRITING PAPERS
180-196 MARIETTA ST., N. W.
ATLANTA 3, GEORGIA

July 17th, 1953

Mr. George S. Mitchell
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
Room 432, 63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Mr. Mitchell:

I have just returned to Atlanta and found your letter of July 9th.

I appreciate greatly the honor offered me to serve on the Board of Directors of the Council. I will be very happy to do whatever I can to further the aims of your good organization.

Please know that I am available to offer my assistance at any time.

Yours very truly,

MONTAG BROTHERS, INC.

M L Weiss

President

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July 9, 1953

Mr. Morton L. Weiss
45 Valley Rd., NW
Atlanta, Ga.

Dear Mr. Weiss:

The 1953 membership meeting of the Southern Regional Council (May 14) did itself the honor of electing you to the Board of Directors of the Council. This is ~~to tell you about the Council and~~ to ask you to be good enough to serve.

The other Georgia members elected were John Griffin at Emory; Morris Abram; Benjamin Mays at Morehouse; Harry Richardson at Gammon Seminary; Mrs. Cassandra Maxwell Birnie, a lawyer who came here a year or two ago from Orangeburg, South Carolina; Mrs. Grace Hamilton of the Urban League; Mr. L. D. Milton at the Citizens Trust Company; Bishop Arthur J. Moore; Miss Josephine Wilkins of Athens; and Dean E. C. Colwell of Emory.

We altered the by-laws at the May 14 meeting and chose a newly constituted Board. Many of those listed as Board members in the enclosed leaflet were chosen again, but the Board was strengthened in the direction of more people from the churches and more people from business and industry.

~~We have tried always to be a reasonable and truthful and practicable organization, working mainly in the field of race relations.~~

The Board meets once a year. An Executive Committee of nine members from the Board, plus the officers of the Council (identical with those on the leaflet) meets quarterly and gives much of the policy direction to the staff.

The new by-laws, when they come into effect, will alter the Council from an organization having scattered Southwide membership to a kind of federation of active State groups. Members will belong to their State groups, and the State groups will be affiliated with the Council. And the Council will be merely this Board of Directors, with power to elect to its own vacancies. So I think the importance of the Board is in for an increase.

Mr. Morton L. Weiss, July 9, 1953

Mr. Louis Regenstein was a member of the nominating committee and knows us well. We would greatly like to have you as a member of the Board, and I do hope you can write me that it is agreeable with you to accept.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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PHONE LY-4175

S. THOMAS FRIEDMAN
1110 BISSONNET STREET
HOUSTON 5, TEXAS

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July 20, 1953

Mr. George S. Mitchell
Executive Director
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
Room 432, 63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta 3, Ga.

Dear Mr. Mitchell:

Your letter of July 9th informing Mr. Friedman that he has been elected as a member of your new Board of Directors, arrived while Mr. Friedman is out of the city.

Upon his return, this letter shall be brought to his attention and I am certain that you will hear from him personally in the near future.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Salyne Davidson

Mrs. Salyne Davidson
Sec'y to Mr. Friedman

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July 9, 1953

Mr. Tom Friedman
1110 Bissonnet
Houston, Texas

Dear Mr. Friedman:

Our annual membership meeting on May 14 of this year elected a largely new Board of Directors. They altered the by-laws also in such a way as to make it possible for the Council to become later on, and if it gets some money, a federation of active State organizations, each with its own membership and Board of Directors; the whole of it tied together by affiliation to the Southern Regional Council itself, which would really be merely this new Board of Directors.

We elected fifty people to the new Board, and one of them, I am happy to say, is you.

Consult Mrs. William H. Hogue about the Council, as she knows us pretty thoroughly.

The Board only meets once a year, and we have always, with one sad exception, been able to pay the expenses of Board members to the meetings. An Executive Committee, which meets quarterly, does the interim work on policy, but the Board is in for increasing importance in these queer times in Southern history.

I do hope that you can write me that it is all right with you to come on to the Board.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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SMITH & LEHMANN
ATTORNEYS AND COUNSELLORS
SCANLAN BUILDING
MAIN AT PRESTON
HOUSTON 2, TEXAS

J. EDWIN SMITH
MAURICE A. LEHMANN

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Southern Regional Council

Mr. George S. Mitchell,
Executive Director,
Southern Regional Council,
Room 432,
63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.,
Atlanta 3, Georgia.

Dear Mr. Mitchell:

I hope you will forgive my delay in replying to your letter of June 9th. I have been in the process of reorganizing my firm and moving to new quarters, and temporarily misplaced the letter; however, I had advised Mrs. Hogue here in Houston that I had received your letter and would be happy to accept.

I have been a subscriber to the Southern Regional Council for several years, having first become acquainted with its work through conversations with Dr. Homer P. Raney, former President of the University of Texas, who at the time he was President was also a member of your Board of Directors. I have always had a high regard for the work of the Council, and have enjoyed reading the many informative bulletins I have received.

Please be assured that I am honored to be named a member of your Board of Directors, and that I will be happy to serve. The Southern Regional Council is doing a wonderful job in the promotion of better race relations in the South.

I would appreciate your sending me more information concerning the times of the meetings of the Board of Directors, and the place of meeting.

Most cordially yours,

J. Edwin Smith

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June 9, 1953

Mr. J. Edwin Smith
3504 Oakdale
Houston, Texas

Dear Mr. Smith:

I don't know how much you know about this Southern Regional Council, but I announce to you that at its membership meeting on May 14 the Council did itself the honor of electing you to the Board of Directors. Mrs. Hogue was a member of the nominating committee, and all who were present thought the choice of you most wise.

I enclose a leaflet giving the barest facts about the Council and listing the outgoing Board. This new Board will have fifty members elected May 14, plus two from each of our State Divisions, plus the officers of the Council. There are much the same sort of people as were on the former Board--with a great many who were simply re-elected--but with the addition of a number of people from business fields and from church groups.

Membership on the Board has never been time-consuming. The Board meets once a year, and we have thus far always (with one sad exception!) been able to pay the expenses of members of the Board for the meeting. The May 14 meeting adopted new by-laws, to come into effect later on, at the discretion of the Executive Committee, which will convert the Council into a sort of federation of active State programs, assisted by the Council itself. Our Southwide membership would be turned over to the State organizations, and the Council would really become merely this new Board of Directors, with power to elect to its own vacancies. So that the prospects are that the new Board will have greater policy determination than in the past.

I can't yet say the length of any individual term--probably four years--but it depends on a drawing of lots.

I do greatly hope that you can write me that it is agreeable with you to serve in this way.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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Encl.

August 3, 1953

Mrs. William H. Hogue
5319 Cherokee St.
Houston, Texas

Dear Mrs. Hogue:

This I rather expected, but I am glad we asked him, anyway.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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CAVE HILL
HARRODSBURG PIKE
LEXINGTON, KENTUCKY

July 27/53.

Mr. Geo. S. Mitchell,
Executive Director
Southern Regional Council
Atlanta, Ga.

Dear Mr. Mitchell,

I appreciate very much the invitation to join the Board of your Council. - I thoroughly approve of the kind of work you are doing, but am very sorry circumstances make it impossible for me to join any more Boards.

Sincerely Yours,

Will Clayton

ANDERSON, CLAYTON & CO.
(INCORPORATED)
HOUSTON

P. O. BOX 2538
Houston 1, Texas

July 13, 1953

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Southern Regional Council

Mr. George S. Mitchell,
Executive Director
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
Room 432
63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Sir:

Your letter of July 9 to Mr. Clayton has been received during his extended absence from the city.

As soon as Mr. Clayton contacts this office, your letter and enclosure will be called to his attention.

Sincerely yours,

H Linsmart
Secretary to Mr. Clayton

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July 9, 1953

Mr. Will Clayton
Anderson, Clayton & Co.
1300 Prairie Ave.
Houston, Texas

Dear Mr. Clayton:

When a man reaches your distinction, I suppose ten dozen organizations ask him to be a member of their Boards. Here is another, and one which earnestly hopes you can accept.

The Council is an outgrowth of the work done across the South, beginning in 1919, by the former Commission on Interracial Cooperation, of which Will W. Alexander was for many years the head. In 1942 and 1943 a series of leadership meetings in the South, first with Negroes, then with whites, then of the two together, set up (early in 1944) the Southern Regional Council to carry through their hopes.

We have always been a responsible organization, searching for the truth before we speak, speaking as little as possible, and doing as much as we can, and working through people who can get things done. The record is nothing too impressive, it must be admitted. We've been small. But we have led the way in a number of things that have done a lot of good.

Convincing police chiefs and police committees and city councils that they ought to add Negro policemen has been, in some part, the Council's work. Persuading Southern newspapers quietly to drop the worst of the old discriminatory practices in the way news of Negroes was carried has been another Council effort. We have encouraged, and here and there, assisted in the broadening of the franchise to include the Negro population of the South. The old Interracial Commission worked nobly to reduce lynching and other forms of interracial violence, and the Council continues to serve as an informal network of friends, interracially active, who ward off trouble whenever they can.

We believe deeply in economic progress as the main key to better race relations, and urge industrialization and business development at every point.

We also have a keen interest in progress in Southern agriculture, and particularly in the growth of independence and security on the land.

The Board of Directors meets once a year. Under amended by-laws adopted at the May 14 meeting, the Board becomes the Council itself, with a coordinating authority over active State organizations affiliated with the Council. We have always been able, with one sad exception, to pay the expenses of Board members to the annual meeting. An Executive Committee, meeting quarterly, sets interim policy for the staff.

Other Texas persons elected May 14 to the Board were: Mr. J. Edwin Smith, Mr. Tom Friedman, Mr. R. O'Hara Lanier, Mrs. J. N. Raysor, and Mr. Charles A. Shaw, all of Houston; and Mrs. Tommie Stroud of Waco. Mr. Carter Wesley of Houston is a vice-president of the Council and therefore a member of the Board and of the Executive Committee.

I enclose a leaflet which gives a hasty glance at the Council's work and a list of Board members, as of April 1953. Many of these same people are on the new Board, but there are additional people from the churches and from commerce and industry.

Do consider us pretty carefully. We are not strong, as I said, but we have been conscientious and practical, and we are satisfied that there is a growing need in the South for just the work that the Council does.

Mrs. William H. Hogue in Houston knows us quite well and, I am sure, would be glad to describe the Council in more detail if you had opportunity to be in touch with her.

I do greatly hope that you can write us that you will accept this interest and responsibility in the development of the public life of the South.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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Encl.

August 7, 1953

Mr. S. Thomas Friedman
Executive Director
Southwestern Jewish Community Relations Council
1110 Bissonnet
Houston 5, Texas

Dear Mr. Friedman:

So glad you will be on our Board. We will appreciate you.

Here's a fairly recent leaflet. It gives the Board until May 15, when we elected a new one, but not greatly changed. I haven't finished building it yet, so I can't list all the people on it.

I send you NEW SOUTH for the last year. You will see from that what sort of things we work at. Observe, in particular, the December 1952 issue, which reprinted, in condensed form, the Durham Conference Statement, 'way back in '42, which was part of our beginning. The other part was the old Commission on Interracial Cooperation.

Useful item is the policy statement of December 1951.

When you get around to it, you ought to pay your dues to the Council!

Have a chat sometime with Mrs. Crate or Mrs. Hogue. They will give you all the background you will need.

We have many friends in common, and I look forward to this opportunity to get acquainted with you.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
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August 5, 1953

Mr. George S. Mitchell
Executive Director
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
Room 432, 63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta 3, Ga.

Dear Mr. Mitchell:

I have just returned to my desk and have yours of July 9th informing me that I have been elected to the Board of Directors of the Southern Regional Council.

I am pleased to accept this appointment although I can think of many people in this part of the country who would be able to do a better job.

Would you please send me background information on the Council together with any memorandums and reports that have been issued recently so that I may be fully informed on the history of the Council and the current situation. I would also appreciate receiving a list of the members of the Board of Directors.

With kind personal regards, I am

Cordially,

Tom

S. Thomas Friedman
Executive Director

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August 10, 1953

United Nations
Department of Information
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

Please accredit the bearer, Miss Josephine Wilkins, as our correspondent to cover the activities of the United Nations for our publication New South.

Thank you for your courtesy.

Sincerely yours,

Harold C. Fleming
Editor, New South

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May 18, 1953

Miss Josephine Wilkins
387 Milledge Ave.
Athens, Ga.

Dear Josephine:

Nice to have your wire, though 'twould have been nicer to have had you.

The meeting went off in the gayest of moods because of the three notable election victories hereabouts. How quite remarkable that Hartsfield should get back in and Clement and Walden and the other guy should get elected and Scott Candler should get cracked!

They adopted your nice by-laws, including the clause that says nothing can ever be jammed through them like that again.

Has anyone written you that Marion Wright, in describing the New York, Judge Waring meeting, said, "I was greatly pleased to see standing in the company the peeled-willow-switch figure of Josephine Wilkins"?

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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January 16, 1953

Miss Josephine Wilkins
387 Milledge Ave.
Athens, Ga.

Dear Josephine:

Here are some possible new by-laws for the Council and a copy of the old ones.

It is much to ask, but we would greatly value your going through them and making gaudy alterations.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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Sunday night

Dear George –

Thanks mightily for the cooperation. Horace sent the vote on to me promptly, and I am consequently all fixed up for the opening of the General Assembly tomorrow.

Your people at the United Nations have been exceedingly good to me since I've been here. As a matter of fact,

Mr. Abbott, the accrediting officer, had told me he would keep on renewing my letter card, as he had done heretofore. But I felt uncomfortable about continuing to let him do it without some official request. Hence my phone call.

More with further later. It is now some ungodly hour and tomorrow is a big day.

Warm regards,

Jerome

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387 Milledge Avenue
Athens, Georgia
January 10, 1952

Dear George:

Thanks for your note -- it was good to hear from you. Yes, I shall be glad to go back on the Board and am pleased to know I was elected. As a matter of fact I've hovered around the Council so long that to be on hand and inactive, wouldn't seem quite natural.

Hope the Ford application has taken root and is showing definite signs of life. It was excellent, I thought.

Regards and the best of wishes,

Josephine

Josephine Wilkins

Dr. George S. Mitchell, Executive Director
Southern Regional Council
Atlanta, Georgia

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December 21, 1951

Miss Josephine Wilkins
c/o Mrs. Harry M. Gershon
1590 Harvard Rd., NE
Atlanta, Ga.

Dear Josephine:

Greetings!

I am glad to get news from time to time that you are back and well.

The membership meeting of the Council on December 13 filled fourteen of some nineteen vacancies on the Board and did itself the honor of electing you to the Board again. You will remember that the by-laws require a period of being off the Board before reelection for anyone who has given two terms of service to the Board.

Please write me that you can accept. We will need your knowledge and judgment.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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Georgia Farm Bureau

December 10, 1947

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Mrs. Agnes McKoy, Secretary-Treasurer
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
Room 432, 63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

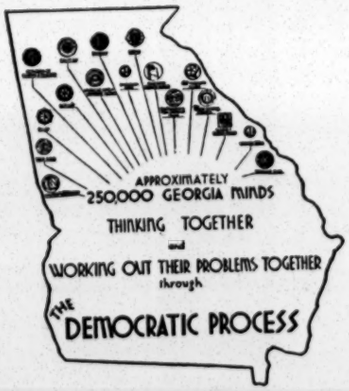
Dear Mrs. McKoy:

This will acknowledge with thanks your letter regarding further service on the Executive Committee of the Southern Regional Council. I accept the appointment.

Let me take this opportunity to send cordial holiday greetings to you and best wishes to both you and the organization for the coming year.

Sincerely yours,

Josephine Wilkins
Administrator



December 4, 1947

Miss Josephine Wilkins
Citizens Fact Finding Movement of Georgia
Forsyth Building
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Miss Wilkins:

It is with much pleasure that I perform my task of announcing to you your unanimous reelection as member of the Executive Committee of the Board of Directors of the Southern Regional Council by that body at its meeting on November 12th.

This recognition of the high service which you have so earnestly and unselfishly performed in behalf of the Council is especially pleasing to staff members who have had the privilege of working with you and so know at first hand the fine talents which you have brought to your task.

With every good wish for the holidays, and for the year that follows, I am

Most sincerely,

(Mrs.) Agnes McKoy
Secretary-Treasurer

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August 17, 1953

Rev. A. S. Turnipseed
Dexter Avenue Methodist Church
301 Dexter Avenue
Montgomery 4, Ala.

Dear Mr. Turnipseed:

You delight us with your letter of August 6. We rejoice to have you on the Board and on the Executive Committee.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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Dexter Avenue Methodist Church

301 Dexter Avenue Phone 2-3961

Montgomery 4, Alabama

A. S. TURNIPSEED
Pastor

August 6, 1953

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Dr. George S. Mitchell
Executive Director
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
Room 432, 63 Auburn Avenue, N.E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Dr. Mitchell:

Thank you for your good letter of June 4. I am honored to be requested to serve on the Board and Executive Committee of the Council and am glad to accept.

The delay in answering your letter has not been due to indifference but duties have kept me away from my office during much of these past summer months. I am looking forward to hearing from you and to serving with you.

Sincerely,

A. S. Turnipseed

A. S. Turnipseed

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STATUS OF SRC BOARD OF DIRECTORS AS OF AUGUST 18, 1953

Accepted

Mrs. J. N. Rayzor
Judge L. E. Thomas
Paul D. Williams
John A. Griffin
Mrs. Grace T. Hamilton
Josephine Wilkins
Jacob L. Reddix
Charles S. Johnson
Rufus E. Clement
B. E. Mays
O. D. Duncan
Harry V. Richardson
Rev. Maurice V. Shean
Paul R. Christopher
Rev. A. S. Turnipseed
Mrs. Cassandra M. Birnie
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E. A. McDowell
Alfred Mynders
Rabbi Charles Mantinband
C. H. Parrish
L. D. Milton
A. W. Dent
Carter Wesley
J. Edwin Smith
Charles G. Gomillion
A. J. Clement, Jr.
Morris Abram
Thomas Young
John H. Wheeler
Ralph Barbare
Morton L. Weiss
S. Thomas Friedman
Alonzo G. Moron
James L. Coker
Mrs. Alice N. Spearman
Herbert M. Davidson
Clyde A. Milner
Florence Sytz
Z. A. Looby
J. McDowell Richards
Mrs. E. V. Robinson
R. B. Atwood
John McCann

Refused

John D. Rust
Harry A. Ashmore
Henry M. Bullock
E. C. Colwell
Will Clayton
Paul Hardin

No Answer Yet

U. S. Bond
~~Mrs. Alice N. Spearman~~
~~Clyde A. Milner~~
~~Herbert M. Davidson~~
~~Alonzo G. Moron~~
~~Z. A. Looby~~
~~John McCann~~

Not Yet Invited

~~R. B. Atwood~~
Mrs. W. Floyd Bates
Rt. Rev. Charles Clingman
~~James L. Coker~~
~~Rev. Paul Hardin, Jr.~~
R. O'Hara Lanier
John G. Lewis
Bishop Arthur J. Moore
Rt. Rev. E. A. Penick
~~J. McDowell Richards~~
~~Mrs. E. V. Robinson~~
Charles A. Shaw
Mrs. Tommie Stroud
~~Florence Sytz~~
Mrs. J. Fount Tillman
Mrs. Henry H. Tucker

August 18, 1953

Mr. Ralph Barbare
607 College Ave.
Rock Hill, S. C.

Dear Mr. Barbare:

I hasten to send you a packet of materials about the SRC. Dr. Mitchell told me to send you some things several weeks ago, and I certainly thought I had done so. He is out of town now, but if there's anything else he thinks you should have in the way of information, we'll send it along when he gets back.

Sincerely,

Emily Calhoun
Secretary to George S. Mitchell

Sent: WKOS, this year's issues of NS, copy of Durham and Atlanta Statements and SRC charter, policy statement.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
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CHARLESTON, S. C.
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CONWAY, S. C.
J. P. COATES, SECRETARY-TREASURER
COLUMBIA, S. C.

The South Carolina Education Association

607 College Ave
Rock Hill, S C
Aug. 17, 1953

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Mr. George S. Mitchell
southern Regional Council
63 Auburn Ave,,N E Room 432
Atlanta, 3, Georgia

Dear Mr. Mitchell:

I wrote you July 18 accepting election to the board of the Southern Regional Council.

I feel the need for information such as policies, present projects, publications, etc. Sometime soon please get up some materials for my education in the program of the council.

Sincerely yours,

Ralph Barbare

Ralph Barbare

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Room 432,63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta 3, Ga.

Dear Mr. Mitchell:

I have given some further thought to your letter of July 7th and I have decided to accept the election to the board.

Most of the program will be so new to me that I shall need your help in catching up with the other members of the board.

Sincerely,

Ralph Barbare

Ralph Barbare, Director
Winthrop Training School

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July 13, 1953

Mr. George S. Mitchell
Executive Director
Southern Regional Council
Room 432, 63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta 3, Ga.

Dear Mr. Mitchell:

I have your letter of July 7th telling me that I have been chosen as a member of the board of directors for the Southern Regional Council.

I have known in a general way for some years the work of of the Council. Naturally, I have approved the program. I think I have attended about two state meetings, but have otherwise not been active. I am, therefore, at a loss as to why I should have been chosen for board membership.

My disposition is to accept but I have some reluctance due to my unfamiliarity with the program. I shall discuss it with Father Shean, Dr. Edwards, Mr. Roddey and our President. I feel that it would not be fair to accept without a better understanding of the task itself. I shall try to write you definitely the latter part of this week.

Sincerely,

Ralph Barbare

Ralph Barbare, Director
Winthrop Training School

RB:f

July 7, 1953

Mr. Ralph Barbare
607 College Ave.
Rock Hill, S. C.

Dear Mr. Barbare:

Our Council had its annual membership meeting in mid-May of this year and elected a largely new Board of Directors. They did themselves the honor of electing you, and I now write to tell you more about the Council and to ask you please to accept.

Dorothy Jones knows us well. So does my good friend, Miss Mary Frazier. So do Father Maurice Shean and Phil Ogilvie. I have some slight acquaintance also with various leading figures in the Negro community in Rock Hill.

Too long a business to go into the whole history of the Council. You must know something about us and have formed your opinions, anyway.

Service on the Board is no great chore. It meets once a year, and we have always, with one sad exception, been able to pay expenses of the Board members to the meeting. However, the Board is in for some substantial increase in authority and responsibility. We are changing the structure of the Council to be a sort of federation of active State organizations, and our present scattered Southwide State membership would belong only to its appropriate State groups. The Council would then be a seventy-man Board of Directors, coordinating the work of the State organizations, directing a program of research tied in with the action of the field people, and publishing a journal. All these more magnificent plans depend on our getting large sums of money, long applied for and not yet received, but we live in hopes.

The other South Carolina persons elected to the Board with you are: Mr. A. J. Clement of Charleston, Mrs. Eugene Spearman of Columbia, Father Shean, and Mr. James L. Coker of Hartsville. From the other States quite

similar people. Mr. James M. Dabbs at Mayesville is chairman of the South Carolina Division, and therefore automatically a member of the Board of Directors.

I greatly hope that you can write me that it is all right with you to serve.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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Same letter: Clyde Milner, Alonzo Moron,
Z. A. Looby, John McCann

August 26, 1953

Mr. U. S. Bond
Madison, Ark.

Dear Mr. Bond:

We want you to come on our Board and wrote you about it June 2. Do tell us it is all right.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:ec

August 26, 1953

Dr. R. B. Atwood
Kentucky State College
Frankfort, Ky.

Dear Mr. Atwood:

I am extremely late in notifying you that the Council's annual membership meeting 'way back last May 14 re-elected you to the Board of Directors. I count so cordially on your continuing to be our friend that I let your name be in the list of the latest people to be written to!

Do write me that it is all right for you to serve a further term. I won't know till lots are drawn whether it is two years or four, but we will hope for four!

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:ec

August 26, 1953

Rt. Rev. E. A. Penick
Bishop of North Carolina
802 Hillsboro St.
Raleigh, N. C.

Dear Bishop Penick:

Though I am a bit late, I am happy to tell you that at the May 14 membership meeting of the Council you were re-elected to the Board of Directors. I do hope it is all right with you to serve for a further term. For the moment, we don't know whether terms are two years or four years till lots are drawn!

The National Council has for the last several years sent SRC a contribution of a thousand dollars, and we want the Church to continue to be represented on the Board. You and Bishop Clingman, so far as I can see on the list, are our sole dependencies for keeping up this most helpful link between the Board and the Church.

The other North Carolina people elected to the Board were Guy Johnson at Chapel Hill, Dr. McDowell at Wake Forest, and Mr. John H. Wheeler in Durham. The Rev. Leon Russell at Greenville will be on the Board as chairman of the North Carolina Division, and some other person to be chosen by the North Carolina Division.

The Board is likely to have additional authority under altered by-laws adopted at the May 14 meeting.

The new Board is much the same as before, but with a few additional people from business and from the Churches.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:ec

August 27, 1953

Rt. Rev. Charles Clingman
421 S. 2nd St.
Louisville, Ky.

Dear Bishop Clingman:

The annual membership meeting of the Council last May 14 elected you to the Board of Directors. I do hope it is all right with you to serve.

The Board is made up of some fifty persons elected by the membership, the six or seven officers, and two people from each State Division. As Kentucky Board members that gives us yourself, Mr. Atwood, Mr. Tydings, and one other to be chosen by the Kentucky Division.

You are a longstanding member of the Council and must know us pretty well. I send as a reminder of our program and policy a statement adopted in December 1951 by the Board and by the membership meeting.

The National Council of the Episcopal Church has, for the last two or three years, given us a thousand dollars, and we are most anxious for the Church to continue to play an important part in all policy decisions of the Council.

The Board meets once a year, usually here in Atlanta, and we have customarily been able to pay the travel expenses for the members.

For the moment, I can't say whether the term would be for two years or for four. Lots have to be drawn, as the by-laws were amended this year and the Board reconstituted. Incidentally, the new by-laws increase the importance of the Board in the organization.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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Encl.

August 27, 1953

Mrs. Tommie Stroud
3225 Maple Ave.
Waco, Texas

Dear Mrs. Stroud:

I am very late notifying you of the honor the membership meeting of the Southern Regional Council did themselves when, on May 14 of this year, they elected you to the Board of Directors of the Council.

Mrs. Hogue, who was a member of the nominating committee, tells me that you are already a reader of NEW SOUTH, and must therefore be well-informed about us. I send as definitive a policy statement of December 1951.

Others in Texas who were elected May 14 include Mrs. J. N. Rayzor, Mr. Thomas Friedman, Mr. Will Clayton (who did not accept), Mr. Carter Wesley, Mr. J. Edwin Smith, and Mr. R. O'Hara Lanier.

The Board, in general, is much the same sort of people who were its members as listed in the enclosed pamphlet WHAT KIND OF SOUTH DO YOU WANT?, but with a few substitutions, mostly from business and from the churches. Bishop Penick, by the way, was re-elected and Bishop Clingman at Louisville, though I do not as yet have the acceptance of either Bishop.

The Board customarily meets once a year. It is the principal policy-making body of the Council and, under altered by-laws adopted at the May meeting, will in all probability increase in importance. We have customarily been able to pay the expenses of Board members to the meetings. I don't know how long the term of each individual member will be—depends on the drawing of lots. But either two or four years.

Do write us that it is all right with you to come on to the Board, and we will be most appreciative of having you.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:ec

August 27, 1953

Note to Marion A. Wright

From George S. Mitchell

It might be well for you to write Mr. Coker. Ponder and do what you think best.

August 27, 1953

Mr. James L. Coker
Sonoco Products Co.
Hartsville, S. C.

Dear Mr. Coker:

I am happy to tell you that at the general membership meeting of the Council May 14 of this year, you were elected to a further term as a member of the Board of Directors. Much the same people on the Board as heretofore, but with a few additions from business and the churches. Incidentally, the by-laws were somewhat altered to give the Board increased importance in policy decisions.

I do greatly hope that you can serve this additional term. (We can't say for the moment whether it for two years or four years—depends on a drawing of lots.) Our Board still has too few representatives of just such persons as yourself, and you greatly help us by your membership.

I am sure Marion Wright joins me in urging most cordially your acceptance.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:ec

August 31, 1953

Dr. J. McDowell Richards
Columbia Theological Seminary
Decatur, Ga.

Dear Dr. Richards:

Before this August month expires I hasten to issue an invitation to you that should have been sent out late in May. On May 14 our Council's membership held the annual meeting and elected its Board of Directors. This year nearly everybody's term was up, and that made a total of fifty elections, including, I am happy to say, yourself.

You have been a faithful member and have known us from the beginning, and from before. I do hope it is all right with you to come on to the Board. Much the same sort of people who have been on it from the beginning, with a few more from the churches and a few more from business and industry. The leaflet WHAT KIND OF SOUTH DO YOU WANT? contains the former Board, as some indication of the sort of people who have been on it before.

The other Georgia people who will be on are: John Griffin, Josephine Wilkins, Grace Hamilton, Harry Richardson, Cassandra Maxwell Birnie, Benjamin Mays, and Rufus Clement.

The Board meets once a year, always thus far here in Atlanta. Under changes in the by-laws the authority of the Board in policy matters will grow.

Do write me that you can take this renewed interest in the Council.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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Encl.

Board

August 31, 1953

Mrs. W. Floyd Bates
125 Atkins Street
North Little Rock, Ark.

Dear Mrs. Bates:

At the last clap of this summer month I hasten to invite you to be a member of the Board of Directors of the Southern Regional Council. Whisper it not, but the election by the annual membership meeting was as long ago as May 14, and your humble correspondent is merely slow in getting all the letters out.

The new Board will be made up of much the same people as have been on it straight along. List of the old one as enclosed. Many of the old list have stayed on, and a few others have been added from the churches and from business and industry.

The nominating committee had a hard time in reducing the whole list of those they wanted to a total of fifty, but on all counts Mrs. Bates's name stayed in every list!

Do write me that it is all right with you to serve. The Board meets once a year, ordinarily here in Atlanta, and we have customarily been able to pay the expenses of people to come. I think under the new by-laws the authority of the Board in all policy matters is in for growth.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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Dr. George S. Mitchell
Executive Director
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Dr. Mitchell:

I have delayed writing to you regarding membership on your Board, not because of any lack of interest in your important work, but due to the fact that I have not been able to be of any real service to you.

I would not object to having my name listed on your Board, and I shall certainly help in any way that is possible within the limits of time and distance.

With my kind personal regards and every good wish, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Clyde A. Milner

Clyde A. Milner
President

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June 4, 1953

President Clyde A. Milner
Guilford College, N. C.

Dear Mr. Milner:

The annual membership meeting of the Southern Regional Council on May 14 chose a somewhat altered Board of Directors. I am happy that they re-elected you to the Board to serve for an additional term. I can't say whether it is a long term or a short--depends on the drawing of lots--but probably some four years.

The same meeting adopted a whole new set of by-laws, to be brought into effect later on, at the discretion of the Executive Committee. The new by-laws will turn the present membership of the Southern Regional Council over to active State organizations, and the just-elected Board of the Council would at that time become in reality the Council itself, with the duty of coordinating the work of the various State organizations. For the time being, however, the new Board continues with much the powers of the former one. What is to be noted is that the prospects are that this just-chosen Board will have increased policy authority.

The change provides for a Board of fifty elected persons, plus the chairman of each State organization, plus one person to be chosen to the Board from each State organization, plus the seven or eight officers of the Council--in all, seventy-odd people. About the same sort of people who have been on the Board for the last few years, but with a few more businessmen and a few more ministers.

We cherish particularly the link that you give us with the Society of Friends, who have been outstanding in their interest in and aid to the Council. So do write me that you can keep on as elected.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:ec

August 31, 1953

Rev. Paul Hardin, Jr.
First Methodist Church
6th Ave. & 19th St.
Birmingham 3, Ala.

Dear Mr. Hardin:

The fullest admission of a poor job of writing you about election to the Board. It just happened that this year a whole new Board of fifty members was to be elected, and I, as the man to write the letters, have been spreading them inexcusably over the weeks, a few at a time.

The nominating committee, as I recall, was made up of Gadsden Shand of Columbia, South Carolina; Rev. Edward G. Mackay of Oxford, Georgia; Mrs. William H. Hogue of Houston; Mr. Ernest Neal of Tuskegee Institute; Mr. Louis Regenstein of Atlanta; and Mr. Ocie Lee Smith of Little Rock.

We've had acceptances from some 39 of those who were chosen and refusals from five or six.

Do ask around about the Council, and if you find yourself willing to accept membership on the Board, we would all be very grateful.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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FIRST METHODIST CHURCH
SIXTH AVENUE AND NINETEENTH STREET
BIRMINGHAM 3, ALA.

PAUL HARDIN, JR.
MINISTER

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AUG 31
Southern Regional Council

August 28, 1953

Mr. George S. Mitchell
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
Room 432, 63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Mitchell:

I have your letter of August 27, 1953 notifying me that on May 14 I was elected to the Board of Directors of the Southern Regional Council.

The letter of notification came as quite a surprise to me. I have never attended a meeting of the Council and I am not intimately acquainted with its membership or thoroughly familiar with its program. From what I have read of the Council in the press, I presume that it has very lofty aims, but I have no way of knowing whether or not I would be in complete accord with its program and practices.

It seems strange to me that I should be notified on August 27 that I had been elected to the Board of Directors on May 14; and seems stranger still that I should be elected to the Board of Directors without any consultation whatever. In the light of these circumstances, I must decline membership on your Board of Directors purely as a matter of policy if for no other reason. I can not and will not allow myself to be placed in any position of responsibility without any previous consultation or notice whatever.

If this letter seems abrupt, I deeply regret it but I can not subscribe to the manner in which this matter has been handled.

Sincerely yours,

Paul Hardin Jr.

Paul Hardin, Jr.

PH/mc

August 27, 1953

Rev. Paul Hardin, Jr.
First Methodist Church
518 N. 19th St.
Birmingham, Ala.

Dear Mr. Hardin:

Last May 14 the membership of the Southern Regional Council held an annual meeting here in Atlanta and did themselves the honor of electing you to the Board of Directors of the Council. This is a Board of some fifty persons chosen by the members directly, plus two from each of our eleven State Divisions of the Council, plus the six or seven officers of the Council. I enclose a leaflet of some months ago as showing the Board at that time. The May 14 election dropped some of the former Board members and added others, mostly from business and from the churches. Much the same sort of people as have been on the Board right along.

Others in Alabama who were elected May 14 were Mr. Charles Gomillion at Tuskegee and the Rev. Mr. Turnipseed at Montgomery. The Rev. Mr. Whitsett at Sylacauga, as chairman of the Alabama Division, will have a seat on the Board also, with one other person to be chosen by the Alabama Division.

The Board is our principal policy-making authority. It meets once a year, usually in Atlanta, and we have customarily been able to pay the travel expenses of the Board members to the meeting.

I send along various recent issues of NEW SOUTH, as showing the flow of policy and purpose within the Council. There is also a copy of the policy statement issued in December 1951.

We have tried straight along to be reasonable, temperate, and effective in Southern matters relating to race.

Many Birmingham friends would know fairly intimately about the Council. I think of Mr. Mervyn Sterne, Dr. Taggart, Mr. McClellan Vander Veer, and others.

Terms on the Board are ordinarily four years, renewable for a second four years. For the moment, until lots are drawn, we don't know the duration of terms of those elected May 14.

We do greatly hope that you will be willing to lend your advice to us in these critical times.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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August 28,1953

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Southern Regional Council
63 Auburn Avenue, N.E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Attention: Mr. George S. Mitchell

Gentlemen:

Thank you for your letter of August 27th. I shall be glad to serve as Director of your organization for another term.

Sincerely yours,

J L Coker

J.L.Coker, President

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HAMPTON INSTITUTE
HAMPTON, VIRGINIA

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Southern Regional Council

August 29, 1953

My dear Mr. Mitchell:

This will acknowledge your letter of August 26. I shall be happy to serve on the Board of the Southern Regional Council.

With best wishes, I remain

Very truly yours,

Alonzo G. Moron

Alonzo G. Moron
President

Mr. George S. Mitchell
Executive Director
Southern Regional Council, Incorporated
63 Auburn Avenue, NE
Atlanta 3, Georgia

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MRS. E. U. ROBINSON
President
FRANKLIN, TENN.

Sept. 1, 1953

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Southern Regional Council

Mr. George D. Mitchell,
Atlanta, Ga.

Dear Mr. Mitchell, Thank you for your letter of Aug. 26.

I shall be happy to serve as a member of the Board of Directors, S. R. C., for this term. The experience I have had as a member has been valuable from many points, and wholeheartedness service I can be will be given gladly.

Sincerely,

(Mrs. E. U.) Ruth C. Robinson

August 26, 1953

Mrs. E. U. Robinson
125 Fifth Ave., S.
Franklin, Tenn.

Dear Mrs. Robinson:

Last May 14 when the Southern Regional Council had its annual membership meeting, they elected an altered Board of Directors, which, I am happy to say, included you for the new term. The new Board potentially has considerably increased authority, because the membership meeting adopted changed by-laws, to be brought into effect later on, if and when the Council gets some money. Under the new by-laws the Council itself would be merely the new 75-man Board, and our present membership, we hope increased substantially, would belong only to vigorous State organizations affiliated with the Council.

I'm sorry I can't say how long the new term runs--two or four years, I suppose. But it depends on lots yet to be drawn.

We have valued you as a member these last couple of years and are delighted that the membership elected you again. Do write me that it is all right with you to serve for the further term.

The new Board is much the same as the old, but with a few more people from business and a few more people from the churches.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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Columbia Theological Seminary

Decatur, Georgia

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September 7, 1953

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SEP 8
Southern Regional Council

Dr. George S. Mitchell
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
Room 432
63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta 3, Ga.

Dear Dr. Mitchell:

Your letter of August 31 has been received and I appreciate your writing to advise me of my election as a member of the Board of Directors of the Southern Regional Council.

I am deeply interested in the work of the Council and shall, therefore, be glad to accept this office and to render such service as I can in connection with it.

With every good wish, I am

Sincerely yours,

J. McDowell Richards

J. McDowell Richards

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Kentucky State College

Frankfort, Kentucky

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Southern Regional Council

OFFICE OF PRESIDENT

September
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Dr. George S. Mitchell
Executive Director
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
Room 432, 63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Dr. Mitchell:

I will be pleased to serve for the term as a director. I appreciate this selection and hope that I will be able to make a better director in the future than I have in the past.

Very sincerely yours,

R. B. Atwood

R. B. Atwood
President

RBA:wts

September 14, 1953

Mr. John J. McCann
220 Baroone Street
New Orleans, La.

Dear Mr. McCann:

We appreciate having you on our Board.

Here is our latest pamphlet. We want it to be used by local bi-racial groups. The object is to bring the facts of the controversy down from the closed door offices of the state superintendents of schoold into the homes of citizens. Object of that: to prevent confusion.

I am working with Father Flaherty in Richmond, as President of the C.C.S., in the hope that the C.C.S. will help, generally, in getting the pamphlet so used; but, meanwhile, if you can see ways to get it used in New Orleans, do go ahead.

Sincerely,

George W. Mitchell,
Executive Director

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September 9, 1953

Mr. George S. Mitchell
Executive Director
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta 3, Ga.

Dear Dr. Mitchell:

Permit me to apologize for having delayed so long in answering your gracious invitation of July 10th to serve as a member of the Board of Directors of the Southern Regional Council.

I am indeed honored and flattered to receive this invitation, and if I may be of some assistance to the Southern Regional Council, I shall be very happy to serve thereon.

I had been so snowed under with work both in the office and out in the field that my personal correspondence has been sadly neglected.

With kindest personal regards and best wishes, I am

Very sincerely

John McCann

John J. McCann

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PERSONS INVITED TO SERVE ON BOARD OF DIRECTORS

X Mr. John D. Rust - No
✓ Mrs. J. N. Rayzor - Yes - 6-10-53
✓ L E Thomas - Yes - 5-29-53
✓ Paul Williams - ~~he knows~~ Yes - 5-14-53
U.S. Bond

✓ John Griffin - Yes - 6-4-53 (Exec. Comm.)
✓ Grace Hamilton - Yes - 8-13-53
✓ Josephine Wilkins - Yes - 6-11-53
✓ Jacob L. Reddix - Yes - 6-11-53
✓ Charles S. Johnson - Yes - 6-10-53
GSM explained to him 6-1-53 that he is no longer on the Ex. Comm.
✓ Rufus E. Clement (Exec. Comm.) - Yes - 6-9-53
✓ B. E. Mays - Yes - 6-6-53
✓ D. D. Duncan - Yes - 6-8-53
✓ Harry V. Richardson (Exec. Comm.) - Yes - 6-12-53
✓ Rev. Maurice V. Shean (Exec. Comm.) - Yes - 6-1-53
✓ Paul Christopher—Yes (Exec. Comm.)--Yes - 5-26-53
Mrs. Alice N. Spearman - No formal acceptance, but present at May 14 meeting.
✓ Rev. A. S. Turnipseed - Yes - 8-6-53
✓ Mrs. Cassandra M. Birnie (Exec. Comm.) - Yes - 6-11-53
President Clyde A. Milner - Yes - 8-31-53
✓ Dr. Guy B. Johnson - Yes - 6-19-53
Herbert M. Davidson - No formal acceptance, but present at May 14 meeting.
✓ E. W. Palmer - Yes - 6-9-53
✓ Dr. E. A. McDowell - Yes - 6-13-53
X Harry A. Ashmore - No
✓ Alfred Nynders (V-P) - Yes - 5-20-53
✓ Rabbi Charles Mantinband - Yes - 6-6-53
✓ Dr. C. H. Parrish - Accepted verbally to GSM during Race Relations Inst., Fisk Univ., July, 1953
✓ L. D. Milton - Yes - 6-12-53
✓ A. W. Dent (V-P) - Yes - 6-26-53
✓ Carter Wesley (V-P) - Yes - 6-24-53
Alonzo G. Moron - Yes - 8-31-53
✓ J. Edwin Smith - Yes - 7-25-53
✓ Charles G. Gomillion - Yes - 6-12-53
✓ A. J. Clement, Jr. - Yes - 6-11-53
X Henry M. Bullock - No - 6-16-53
✓ Morris B. Abram - Yes - 6-12-53
✓ Thomas Young - Yes - 7-1-53
✓ John H. Wheeler - Yes - 7-6-53
Dr. Z. A. Looby - 9-1-53
John McCann
X E. C. Colwell - Refused 7-14-53
✓ Ralph Barbare - Yes - 7-18-53
✓ Morton L. Weiss - Yes - 7-17-53
✓ S. Thomas Friedman - Yes - 8-5-53
Will Clayton - No - 7-27-53
James L. Coker - Yes - 8-28-53

Rev. Paul Hardin, Jr., — No - 8-28-53

Florence Sytz - No formal acceptance, but attended May 14 meeting

~~Clyde A. Milner 8-31-53~~

J. McDowell Richards - 9-7-53

Mrs. E. V. Robinson - 9-1-53

R. B. Atwood - 9-10-53

John McCann - 9-9-53

Mrs. Tommie Stroud

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March 11, 1953

Miss Caroline Gillespie
Route 1
Hartsville, S. C.

Dear Caroline:

Many thanks for your letter of March 3.

I was in New York last week and went to see the Ford people and came away not feeling encouraged. But in any case, it seems still to be two or three months before they come around to final decisions.

The Council's Executive Committee meets March 21, but in the absence of any definite information from the Ford people, I don't know how we can reach decisions for the future. So the best I can say is that things drag along for some months.

I still am hopeful that there will be money to provide paid personnel in each of the States, but I am far from knowing whether that will be the case. When and if the money comes, I can't think of anybody better in South Carolina than Caroline, but the choice of personnel will really be up to the State people.

I will send a copy of this to Mr. Dabbs to keep him informed.

Come to see us when you get over here. I don't know when I will travel your roads again, but if I do, I will make another attempt to catch you on your own acres.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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cc: Mr. J. M. Dabbs

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MAR 4
Southern Regional Council

Route 1
Hartsville, South Carolina
March 3, 1953

My dear George Mitchell:

I wish I could have a chat with you! My paths have not crossed Atlanta since last spring.

I want to know about that Ford Foundation grant — what you know and think — Meantime, I wonder how SRC is faring and what personal sacrifices you and the staff must be called upon to make. I have the impression that much is "waiting" for the FF decision. How we are carrying on or should be trying to obtain other funds in case those do not come through is something I know little about.

I must admit that part of my interest in the Ford Foundation

grant stems from selfish reasons.
I have made application through
Mr. Dabbs for one of the
proposed jobs. In the event of
not being one of the workers
in S.C. I would like to be consider-
ed in one of the other states,
if this seems feasible.

I heard, by the grapevine, that
two persons of the same sex
would be appointed (in S.C.),
and that thus far there was
no person application from a
Negro woman who qualified.

Meantime, the type of work which
I have been doing with AHC
has not been remunerative in
the last eight months. There has
been no "outward Act of God"
large enough to call me out!
I shall be forced into regular
employment - and that right soon.
I have so hoped for an opening
in the Bi-Racial Field — ever

since you have known me. I do not want to explore other possibilities if there is a chance of an opening in this at any time in the near future. * see below

I want you to know that SRC is always in my thoughts and prayers. Our material is often of constructive use to me.

All good wishes, always.

Sincerely yours,

Caroline Gillespie

* I am not trying to push you into any commitment. I only want to know what you are thinking.

G - Misc

June 12, 1951

Miss Caroline Gillespie
RFD #1
Hartsville, South Carolina

Dear Caroline:

I talked at length with Harold about your project. Sounds queer, but I think it might be well worth your while to go to Raleigh and talk about your project with Dr. Nell Hirschberg. I have her address (I believe inaccurately) as 1500 Park Drive, Raleigh.

She has friends elsewhere who might be able to help. But for my sake, say nothing about the friends and just tell Miss Hirschberg what you are trying to do and that you need help.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:er

October 26, 1950

Miss Caroline Gillespie
RFD 3
Hartsville, South Carolina

Dear Miss Gillespie:

Since Dr. Mitchell wrote you last, several additional vacancies have occurred on the Board. Rev. William Marmion has moved out of the region and thus will not be able to retain his membership on the Board. It is our understanding that Miss Cassandra Maxwell (now Mrs. James H. Birnie) has moved out of the South, but this has not been confirmed. In the event that this vacancy has been created, a tentative substitution could be suggested. Mrs. Birnie is planning to attend the Board meeting this year.

The Rev. W. W. Wilke should be added because he is Chairman of the new Arkansas Division (formed last Spring). Mrs. Irving Cohn, Executive Secretary of the New Orleans Committee on Race Relations, has been suggested for a four-year term. She has done a capable job of heading the Committee and would make a good Board member. There is a move on to form a Louisiana Division of the Council, and it is possible that Mrs. Cohn would head it.

I have written Mrs. Young about the above vacancies and suggestions. We would also like to suggest Mrs. Hortense Young (Chairman of your Nominating Committee), who would make an excellent addition to the Board.

We all look forward to seeing you soon.

Cordially,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff

NH:er

Secretary-Treasurer

Same letter to: Rev. Emerson Smith
Dr. E. B. Perry
Mrs. C. B. Smith

October 9, 1950

Miss Caroline Gillespie
RFD #3
Hartsville, South Carolina

Dear Caroline:

At a meeting of the Executive Committee last June, President Paul Williams appointed you a member of the Nominating Committee which was asked to prepare nominations for replacements on the Board of Directors. The report of the Committee should be made to the annual membership meeting of the Council November 8.

This late date of notifying you of the appointment is not oversight, but results from discussions which have been under way in the Executive Committee of proposed extensive changes in the by-laws. It now appears that the membership should have before it definite proposed replacements for the outgoing members of the Board.

The vacancies coming up are indicated on the attached sheets.

Names which during the year have been listed to the staff as suitable candidates are the following:

Judge Blanton Fortson, Georgia
Dean William Hepburn, Emory University, Georgia
Mr. Harry Straus, President, Ecusta Paper Company, Pisgah Forest, North Carolina
Mr. R. Beverly Herbert, lawyer, South Carolina
Mr. E. C. Wall, South Carolina
Mrs. E. U. Robinson, head of Methodist women of Southeastern Jurisdiction, Tennessee
Mr. Paul Mellon, Virginia
Mr. Webster Rhoads, President, Miller & Rhoads, Dept. Store, Richmond, Virginia

Those elected by the annual meeting in 1949 but not accepting were:

Miss Caroline Gillespie - October 9, 1950

Mr. E. L. Abercrombie, Atlanta, Georgia
Dr. D. Swan Haworth, First Baptist Church, Vicksburg, Mississippi

Will you be so kind as to send on to Mrs. Hortense Young, 818 South 6th Street, Louisville, Kentucky, whatever names you think of as desirable? Mrs. Young should be supplied with a thumbnail sketch of each person named.

We will expect Mrs. Young to confer with whatever members of the Nominating Committee are present for the annual meeting, at which time the available members of the Committee will make a final recommendation.

We will all be very grateful for your courtesy in helping Mrs. Young and the Council in this way.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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GSM:er

Signed in Dr. Mitchell's absence

SMITH, KILPATRICK, CODY, ROGERS & McCLATCHEY
HURT BUILDING
ATLANTA 3, GEORGIA

MARTIN E. KILPATRICK
WELBORN B. CODY
ERNEST P. ROGERS
DEVEREAUX F. McCLATCHEY
EDWARD D. SMITH
LOUIS REGENSTEIN, JR
HARRY S. BAXTER
A. G. CLEVELAND, JR.

SIDNEY HASKINS
HOKE SMITH
GEORGE B. HALEY, JR.
THOMAS C. SHELTON

HAROLD HIRSCH
(1881-1939)
MARION SMITH
(1884-1947)
A. STEVE CLAY
(1905-1945)

April 1, 1953

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Southern Regional Council

Dr. George S. Mitchell, Executive Director
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
Room 432, 63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Dr. Mitchell:

I will be very happy to serve on the nominating committee and will attend the meeting on May 13th. I presume that I will be given further information before that time as to the place and time of the meeting, and that you will send me such further information as will be useful in connection with the duties of the nominating committee.

I had heard from Leonard Haas of the emergency allocation from the Ford Foundation and I am very happy, both that you were able to receive this allocation and also because of what seems to me the very definite indication that your major application to the Fund is being given favorable consideration.

With cordial personal regards,

Sincerely yours,

Louis

Louis Regenstein, Jr.

LR:lkb

March 31, 1953

Mr. Louis Regenstein, Jr.
1045 Hurt Bldg.
Atlanta, Ga.

Dear Mr. Regenstein:

The president of our Council, Mr. Marion Wright at Linville Falls, North Carolina, wants you to be good enough to serve as a member of the nominating committee to pick Board members for the Council, to be elected at the forthcoming annual membership meeting May 14, here in Atlanta.

The other members are: Gadsden Shand, chairman, Columbia, South Carolina; Ernest Neal, Tuskegee Institute; Ocie Lee Smith, Little Rock; Mrs. William H. Hogue, Houston; Rev. Edward G. Mackay, Oxford, Georgia.

Ordinarily, the nominating committee has no onerous duties, as vacancies on the Board usually are few. But this year, by a change expected to be made in the by-laws, we will probably be turning up a completely new Board. That doesn't mean all new members, but it does mean that we could put our best friends from over the years into full terms.

Within a few days I can send you a list of everyone who has ever served on the Board and some other names that have, from time to time, been suggested.

The committee need have only one meeting, which is planned for the late afternoon of the 13th of May, here in Atlanta. We will be paying the expenses of committee members for that meeting.

I do hope you can accept. We have gone to you so often in the past for sustenance, and I am glad that this time we ask you for thought and advice.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

P.S. I know not whether friendly small birds will have told you that the Ford Foundation lately sent us $20,000 to see us through the worst of this year. That helps enormously, and so far as we know, is without prejudice to our major application to the Fund for the Republic.

Tuskegee Institute

TUSKEGEE INSTITUTE
ALABAMA

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR
RURAL LIFE COUNCIL

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April 2, 1953

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Southern Regional Council

Dr. George S. Mitchell, Executive Director
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
Room 432
63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear George:

Thank you for your interesting letter of March 31. Congratulations on the $20,000 grant from the Ford Foundation.

I will be very happy to attend the meeting of the nominating committee. The only engagement I have for the month of April is a meeting in New York, April 24-28. Will be looking forward to receiving the materials about the Board members to be elected.

Sincerely yours,

Ernest

Ernest E. Neal
Director

EEN/c

P.S. I met Dr. Kirkwood at the train. We are happy to have him on our campus. He seems to be a very interesting person and a likeable chap.
E.E.N.

Same letter: Ocie Lee Smith

March 31, 1953

Mr. Ernest Neal
Tuskegee Institute, Ala.

Dear Ernest:

Back yonder in September, when our Executive Committee met, it picked a nominating committee to choose a Board for whenever the next annual membership meeting would be. That has now been set for May 14 here in Atlanta. So it is time for the hominating committee to get busy.

Here's the committee. Chairman, Gadsden Shand, Columbia, South Carolina; Louis Regenstein, Jr., Atlanta; Ocie Lee Smith, Little Rock; Rev. Edward Mackay, Oxford, Georgia; Mrs. William Hogue, Houston; and Ernest Neal.

For once, we are able to pay expenses for members of the nominating committee to come to town. So do, please, get yourself a day or two days' leave and plan to come.

I will send you in a few days a list of everybody that has ever been on the Board and other names, as suggested from time to time. The nominating committee this year will have a goodish job, as the by-laws will probably be changed so that we can elect a full slate of Board members to serve for good, long terms. That will be forty to fifty people to be chosen.

Cheerful news!

The Ford Foundation lately sent us $20,000 to "sustain and expand" our present program for '53. And as far as we know, the grant is without prejudice to our major application to the Fund for the Republic. So we can breathe!

I look forward a lot to seeing you hereabouts.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:ec

April 8, 1953

Rabbi Charles Mantinband
Box 1326
Hattiesburg, Miss.

Dear Rabbi Mantinband:

How very kind of you to write.

We look forward a whole lot to your coming. Any chance you can bring Mrs. Mantinband with you?

I went through Hattiesburg about a month ago and phoned your home on the way down and on the way back, but nobody was there; neither did anybody answer at the Temple. So I concluded that you were out doing good elsewhere!

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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CONGREGATION B'NAI ISRAEL
P. O. BOX 1326
HATTIESBURG, MISSISSIPPI

RABBI
CHARLES MANTINBAND
808 MAMIE STREET

April 5, 1953

Mr. George Mitchell,
Southern Regional Council,
Atlanta, Ga.

Dear George:

The quartefly Round-up is here. I read it and read it again. The news about the grant "to sustain and expand" is good indeed. In due course the Fund for the Republic, I pray, will make available additional funds, so that the Council can really demonstrate what can be done in developing the New South.

I note that the annual membership meeting is set for May 14th, with the Board the day previous. I shall make every effort to attend.

We have rounded out one full year in Mississippi. On the whole it has been satisfying. And the outlook is wholesome. The Mantinbands have enjoyed some interesting experiences along inter-racial lines. We spent the better part of a week on the campus of Jackson College. I took part in the State SRC meeting and participated also in a meeting on Race Relations Sunday, also in Jackson. As always happens, contacts with Negro fellow-citizens on the local scene are slow in forthcoming. But if Alabama is any example, one must plan and plough carefully over a long period before there is any evidence of harvest.

Season's greetings to you and yours.

Yours faithfully,

C. Mantinband

Charles Mantinband

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Southern Regional Council

November 16, 1950

Rabbi Charles Mantinband
206 North Wood Avenue
Florence, Alabama

Dear Rabbi Mantinband:

It was a great pleasure to see you again this year at the annual meeting. We do appreciate your continued interest and many efforts on behalf of the Council.

During the course of the meeting I did receive five memberships for which, I believe, you were responsible. We have acknowledged all the memberships and have sent the new members our literature.

We look forward to receiving your expense account. You will be reimbursed as soon as possible, but we do ask your patience. Our kindest regards and many thanks.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:bj

November 19, 1949

Rabbi Charles Mantinband
206 North Wood Avenue
Florence, Alabama

Dear Rabbi Mantinband:

I do thank you for your kind letter of November 17, as greatly also for your being present at the meeting and taking on the responsibilities of one of our Board members.

We will be grateful for your help in finding new members and other supporters in your area. Unfortunately the best of our promotion pamphlets, "What Kind of South Do You Want?" is out of print. I send a still-in-print longer one which does have the merit of a membership blank in the back. Also the latest, briefest, question and answer leaflet.

I put in with the package also a single copy of each of our main pamphlets, in order that you may have them about.

Cordially,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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Sending: 40 Flemings, 40 Questions and Answers, 40 Time-Newsweek reprints,
40 green slips on Race in the news, 40 yellow books
1 COPY EACH OF MAIN SRC PAMPHLETS

TRI-CITIES JEWISH CONGREGATION

FLORENCE, SHEFFIELD, TUSCUMBIA
ALABAMA

RABBI CHARLES MANTINBAND
206 NORTH WOOD AVE.
FLORENCE

TEMPLE B'NAI ISRAEL
ATLANTA AVE.
SHEFFIELD

November 17, 1949

Southern Regional Council,
Atlanta, Ga.

Attention: Mr. George Mitchell

Dear Mr. Mitchell:

Since our annual meeting at Atlanta, I have had two days at Talledega College, where I came to know Dr. Beittel. We discussed the Alabama situation at length. He too feels, as I do, that it would be a tragedy should the Southern Regional Council disintegrate, because of lack of funds. We shall do what we can to stimulate interest and support in this area.

Plans are under way for the State meeting, which is ~~underway~~ scheduled for February 14th, 1950, in Montgomery. Right now there seems to be some difficulty finding a white church where we can convene. Probably we shall have to go to the campus of the Negro College, which is what we had at Atlanta University.

Before long I shall submit a list of names of membership prospects for your man to approach. Unfortunately my contacts are limited to the northern part of the state. It would help me if I might be sent some of the Council literature - as many pamphlets "What Kind of South Do you Want" as you can spare; the sheet with reprints of the Newsweek and Time stories on "Race In The News", and anything else that I can pass around. For now that I am on the Board of Directors, I feel I should do something to justify that election.

With cordial greetings, I am

Yours sincerely,

C. Mantinband

Charles Mantinband

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April 21, 1953

Mr. Ocie Lee Smith
1500 Bishop St.
Little Rock, Ark.

Dear Ocie Lee:

Look forward to seeing you May 14 and June 19.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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April 8, 1953

Mr. Ocie Lee Smith
1500 Bishop St.
Little Rock, Ark.

Dear Ocie Lee:

When I got that invitation to Ocie Lee Smith's wedding, I couldn't figure it out, until Katherine Stoney opined that that would be your son. Congratulations! If ever we young New Dealers get our turn at things again, I foresee we will be stooped of shoulder and bent of knee.

For Goodness sakes, fly over here and back, and charge us up with the flying bill. This is not the government!

We will send you the dope about the Board in a day or two. It is going through the typewriters now.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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Board Nominations
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APR 8
Southern Regional Council

1500 Bishop Street
Little Rock, Arkansas
April 6, 1953

Dr. George S. Mitchell
Executive Director
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
Room 432, 63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Doc,

I am greatly gratified to again be chosen as a member of the Nominating Committee and to come to Atlanta adds to my gratification.

It appears that I shall have to fly there and back; however, whatever the difference may be over the amount stipulated for regular travel via train, I shall pay it.

Thanks kindly for remembering me and I shall be expecting to hear from you before too long.

Best wishes.

Sincerely,

Ocie Lee

Ocie Lee Smith

October 15, 1951

Mr. Ocie Lee Smith
1500 Bishop St.
Little Rock, Ark.

Dear Ocie Lee:

I haven't had any letter from you about the nominating committee. I need some more names from your part of the world.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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PAUL D. WILLIAMS, RICHMOND
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Southern Regional Council, Inc.
ROOM 432, 63 AUBURN AVENUE, N. E. ATLANTA 3, GEORGIA

A Council to attain, through research and action, the ideals and practices of equal opportunity for all peoples in the South.

LETTER TO MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE TO NOMINATE FOR MEMBERSHIP ON BOARD OF DIRECTORS

September 21, 1951

Mr. Ocie Lee Smith
1500 Bishop St.
Little Rock, Ark.

Dear Ocie Lee:

You will remember Paul Williams's request of some weeks ago that you serve as a member of this committee.

We expect the annual membership meeting to occur this year December 12.

On September 17 a meeting was arranged here of Atlanta members of your committee. Mr. Bob Thompson and Mr. Art Levin met with the staff and also with Mr. Harry Richardson, who is a member of the Board's committee to nominate its Executive Committee.

The complicated matters before us this year were explained in advance by letter to the Atlanta Board members, copy of which is enclosed for you.

The meeting on the 17th addressed itself to choosing, from among past and present members of the Board and other names before it, a select list of persons so outstandingly useful to the Council's purposes that they should be urged for membership on whatever Board or Advisory Committee the Council might have. Here are listed by States, those so selected:

(N) Attorney J. R. Booker, Little Rock
W. 9th St. (For two yrs
Pres. National Bar association.

Alabama
F. D. Patterson—college president

This is a good bet,

Arkansas
Harry Ashmore—editor (N) Mr. U. S. Bond, Madison, Ark. Business man; planter, (and holds much of this world's goods)

Florida
Herbert Davidson—editor
R. P. Daniel—lawyer

(W) Dr. George G. Iggers
and
(N) Dr. W. H. Pipes
Their address
Philander Smith College
13 & Izard Sts
Little Rock Ark

Prof Philander Smith college, and an ardent civic worker
Dean of Philander Smith College, one time Pres. of alcorn College

Georgia
- Mrs. Grace T. Hamilton--social worker
- Arthur J. Moore--clergyman
- Morris Abram--lawyer
- Benjamin E. Mays--college president
- Harry V. Richardson--seminary president
- Rufus E. Clement--college president
- John A. Griffin--professor
- J. B. Blayton--businessman
- Elbert Tuttle--lawyer
- Raymond Paty--business executive
- Josephine Wilkins--organizational leader

"Julia a civic worker. Has required some of this world's goods."

Kentucky
- Rufus E. Atwood--college president

Louisiana
- V. J. O'Connell--clergyman
- Florence Sytz--college president
- Felton Clark--college president

Dr. E. A. Johnson. Natchitoches (negro) Pres of ~~State~~ NAACP. —

Mr. John Y. Lewis. Grandmother Mozome Lodges Box 2110 Baton Rouge. La a dynamic leader. promoter for interracial good will and endeavor.

Just He will accept —

Mississippi
- Jacob L. Reddix--college president negro
- H. Brent Schaeffer--clergyman

Jake also —

North Carolina
- John H. Wheeler--banker
- W. W. Alexander--farmer
- Clyde Milner--college president
- Howard W. Odum--professor
- Charlotte Hawkins Brown--college president
- Marion A. Wright--lawyer

South Carolina
- J. M. Dabbs--farmer
- James L. Coker--businessman
- Mrs. Alice N. Spearman--organizational leader
- Mrs. C. C. Withington--church leader

Tennessee
- Charles S. Johnson--college president
- E. W. Palmer--publisher
- Z. A. Looby--lawyer

Texas
- Carter Wesley--editor

Mr. ~~Maceo A~~ A. Maceo Smith, Dallas. Texas (negro.) Race relations advisor 2011 N. Washington Dallas, Texas,

Virginia
- Gordon Hancock--professor
- Virginius Dabney--editor
- Alonzo G. Morón--college president
- J. G. Pollard--farmer
- Arthur W. Mitchell--former member of Congress

Some additional names were mentioned as suitable for membership on the Board. These are as follows:

Alabama
Louis Rosenbaum, Jr.--businessman--Florence
A. S. Turnipseed--clergyman--Montgomery
William Mitch--United Mine Workers official--Birmingham
Charles Zukowski--banker--Birmingham

Arkansas
L. A ~~F. H.~~ Davis--college president--Pine Bluff — He would be splendid

Georgia
Richard Rich--merchant--Atlanta
Hughes Spalding, Jr.--banker--Atlanta
Mrs. A. A. Hardy--church leader--Thomaston

Mississippi
Alexander Klein--rabbi--Clarksdale

South Carolina
A. R. Suritz--businessman--Rock Hill

Tennessee
Dan May--Board of Education--Nashville
Morton Tendler--physician--Memphis
Franz Blau--rabbi--Bristol

Virginia
P. B. Young, Jr.--editor--Norfolk

The views of the Atlanta members of the committee have no special validity, and it is of the greatest importance for the other members to add or remove names as they may wish. The more so because, as you will see, the list is too heavy with Georgia names. It would be well if as many as seventy names were before the committee finally.

I suggest that you alter this list as you will and send it back in to us. We will then arrange another meeting of the Atlanta members and send out to you again for criticism a possible composite list. If you can get to the annual meeting in December, your committee can meet as a whole then. But we should be prepared with your views, got by mail, as best we can.

We have worked on the assumption that the first consideration in picking someone is not that he shall be our friend (our friends will help us anyhow), but that he shall be of the right sympathies and one potentially useful in action and influence.

We are shy on businessmen and need more. Some more doctors would help us. Fill in the gaps as best you can with people you know. The whole Council will be grateful for your efforts.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
FARMERS HOME ADMINISTRATION

Dear Doc:

Well we have our State Council started again. We have had one meeting, and another is planned for Oct 19th. One of our long-range projects is a race relations affair — we are making contact with some man from New Orleans, who works with the Anti-Defamation Council or something like that. He came here once and proposed such an activity — we are looking into it now. We want to be sure that there is no connection with what he represents and the S.C.H.W. (Those letters in ask will cause you great headaches. Ha!) — at any rate, our plan is not to exactly sponsor it, but be down under promoting the idea with some other organization out front.

I am still trying to get something of a report on those African students at A M & N. — Now that school has reopened maybe I can have better luck.

I am suggesting several names, these are people who will work, and are not paupers either. Ha! I want to give you a few facts

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
FARMERS HOME ADMINISTRATION

About each one

Mr. U.S. Bond, (negro) owns over a thousand acres of land, He has tenants, but not operated on plantation style. Also owns a Casket and embalming fluid factory — believes in the third of thing SRC represents

Dr. George G. Iggers (White) through his persistent efforts the city library opened its doors to Negroes, unrelenting in his efforts for fair play, equity and justice.

Dean W.H. Pipes (negro) represents almost the last word in advocating for what is right — He refused to attend a State meeting for Deans (segregated) His refusal finally brought Commendation from those who were sponsoring the meeting. — recently published the book "Say, Amen Brother —

Believe I said enough on the other sheet about the others —

Best Wishes —

Sincerely
Ocie Lee

Smith

September 4, 1951

Mr. Ocie Lee Smith
1500 Bishop St.
Little Rock, Ark.

Dear Ocie Lee:

Many thanks for your letter. I will be sending you dope pretty soon on the nominating committee.

Do fulfill on your promise and get the Arkansas Division moving.

We have a State Division in Louisiana. It's about like the Arkansas one, perhaps a little livelier. But it has a special problem in the predominance of New Orleans--solved in that instance by giving the New Orleans Racial Committee (old, established) autonomy as a chapter of the Southern Regional Council within the Louisiana Division of SRC. The Louisiana Division ought to be meeting before so long and picking out new officers.

I will write to the acting chairman of the Louisiana Division and ask him to be sure that they are in touch with Dr. E. A. Johnson. The secretary of the Louisiana Division is Miss Inez Jenkins, Southern University, Baton Rouge. The acting chairman is a Jesuit priest in New Orleans, Father L. J. Twomey, at Loyola University.

The American Friends Service Committee got us $5,000 lately--not their own, but from elsewhere. $2,000 of it has come, and we are less pressed than before. Still, our main hope is that the Ford Foundation will come through.

With best wishes.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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1500 Bishop Street
Little Rock, Arkansas
August 27, 1951

Dr. George S. Mitchell
Executive Director
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
Room 432, 63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Doc,

I shall be happy to serve as a member of the Nominating Committee (quite an honor to me). Thanks!

I've put my foot down, this Arkansas Council is not going to die. About three weeks ago I met Rev. Wilkie in a Safeway Grocery Store. I gave him the third degree. He finally said, "Well, I had decided to give it up." And this because he couldn't get the necessary cooperation. Twasn't a hard job talking him into staying on, for Dr. Wilkie is a fine man endowed with Christian principles and full of energy which he wants to use for some constructive purposes along with his religious activities. I am riding the necks and backs of our members, so I feel sure that by September 15, our Council here will be reactivated. The white members cannot be blamed for the "lag". They have always manifested more interest than my brothers and sisters in brown. Ha. It's true, but you would wonder why. Being a teasing Brown like them, I show can and do tell them about it. Things will perk up for I'm determined to see something start.

Is there a state set-up in Louisiana? If not, we are sorta sleeping on great possibilities. Dr. E. A. Johnson (Negro) Natchitoches, Louisiana, is the dynamo in that state. At present he is President of the State NAACP. He is not a well man, has a heart condition, but still keeps things moving. A quiet unemotional type of leader, void of the rabble-rousing sorta thing that floors you from the word go. He has a large following of professional people, admired by all races, and aside from having a few "pecans" (money) himself, he has associates who have a lot of pictures of dead presidents. Ha. Wanta write him? Quote me, he is a personal friend of mine.

Best Wishes,
Ocie Lee Smith

Ocie Lee Smith

Smith
O.L.

August 21, 1951

Mr. Ocie Lee Smith
1500 Bishop St.
Little Rock, Ark.

Dear Ocie Lee:

The last meeting of the Executive Committee of the Council authorized the President, Mr. Paul Williams of Richmond, to name the customary nominating committees for members of the Board and of the Executive Committee. Paul wants you to be on the committee of members to name people to be on the Board.

The others are: Bob Thompson of Atlanta, Chairman, Nat Welch of Montgomery, Art Levin of Atlanta, Mrs. W. B. Suddeth of Atlanta, Mrs. William Hogue of Houston, and Mrs. V. Carter Mason of Norfolk.

If it is all right with you to serve, I hope you will begin thinking now about suitable people to be on the Board. We will send you a little later on a list of those who have at one time or another served on the Board. Board members serve ordinarily for four years and are eligible for reelection to a second successive term.

I am asking the several Atlanta members of the nominating committees to meet here in the next few days, and on their behalf, we will be in touch with you about the specific number of nominations.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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Same letter to all members of nominating committee

May 6, 1953

Rev. Edward G. Mackay
Box 151
Oxford, Ga.

Dear Dr. MacKay:

The nominating committee is asked to meet at the offices of the Southern Regional Council, 63 Auburn Avenue, N.E., Atlanta, at 3:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 13.

Please bring the list of people whom you would like to see put on to the Board.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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March 30, 1953

Rev. Edward G. Mackay
Box 151
Oxford, Ga.

Dear Dr. Mackay:

The President of our Council, Mr. Marion Wright, up at Linville Falls, North Carolina, wants you to be a member of the nominating committee which is to make a report for our forthcoming annual membership meeting in mid-May of this year. Final date not set, but probably May 14.

The other members of the committee are: Mr. Ocie Lee Smith, Little Rock, Arkansas; Mr. Ernest Neal, Tuskegee Institute; Mr. Gadsden Shand, Columbia, South Carolina; Mr. Louis Regenstein, Atlanta; Mrs. William H. Hogue, Houston, Texas.

This is the nominating committee of Council members to make nominations for persons to be on the Board of Directors of the Council.

This year the committee has a particularly important job. Ordinarily, there is only the matter of a handful of nominations to fill vacancies. This year I expect the by-laws to be changed, so that a whole new Board will be nominated and chosen. That will be between forty and fifty nominations.

I will send you a bit later a list of everybody who has ever been on the Board and of such names as have, from time to time, been mentioned as desirable additional people to be on it. The nominating committee would be asked to convene in Atlanta in the late afternoon of the day before the membership meeting (that would make the committee's meeting probably be May 13), and then you all could make up your own list. Expenses of the members of the nominating committee will be paid.

I think our Council has in recent years coasted a bit easily on its long-term links with the churches. We have taken church interest for granted and concentrated on other relationships. I will count on you to make selections that would knit up our full strength with the churches.

Fortunately, the Council shows better financial resources than lately, as the Ford Foundation has just given us $20,000 to see us safely through this year, and we suppose the grant is without prejudice to our major application before the Ford Foundation's Fund for the Republic. We have high hopes that a more vigorous and widespread program can begin early in the life of the new Board.

It is something to ask of you, but I do greatly hope you can take this important, but not time consuming, responsibility.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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June 3, 1953

President Jacob L. Reddix
Jackson College
Jackson, Miss.

Dear Mr. Reddix:

At the membership meeting of the Southern Regional Council May 14, 1953, the by-laws were changed to enable the election of a new Board of Directors. This is the Board which will continue, for the time being, with just the powers of the old Board, but which could easily become a self-perpetuating Board which would be the Southern Regional Council itself, in the event that we got enough money to put paid personnel into active State organizations, to which we would turn over the present scattered membership of the Council.

A number of people who have been on the Board straight along survived on to the new one, and one of them was you. We greatly want you to be on as elected, so do please write me that you can be. I don't know how long the term will be; that depends on a system of drawing lots, which will be done when the list is complete. Probably four years.

Much the same sort of people who have been on the Board right along were elected to the new Board, though with the addition of a few more people from business and a few more from the various church bodies. No one, I assure you, who is not in sympathy with all that the Council stands for.

We all value you as Mr. Reddix and as a Mississippi representative.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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June 2, 1953

Mr. U. S. Bond
Madison, Ark.

Dear Mr. Bond:

The membership meeting of the Southern Regional Council on May 14, 1953, upon the recommendation of the nominating committee, elected you to the Board of Directors of the Council. I do greatly hope that you can accept.

The Board is composed of some fifty persons, chosen by the membership meeting for staggered terms (mostly four years), plus 26 or 27 other persons serving as officers of the Council itself or chairmen of the various State Divisions of the Council and persons elected by the State Divisions to serve on the Board of Directors of the Southern Regional Council.

Board members have not in the past found membership an onerous task. They are expected to come to an annual meeting of the Board, for which their expenses have always been paid. They have broad responsibility for the kind of program operated by the Council, and they elect a small Executive Committee which, in quarterly meetings, supervises the staff in detail.

It is a choice group of Southern people, actively, and so far, with evident wisdom, at work on the human problems of the South.

I do hope that you can remind me that you will be willing to serve in this way.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

P.S. I enclose another letter, dictated before the May 14 meeting, which raises the matter of dues! Sorry to put an honorable invitation and a vexing small dun in the same envelope!

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Encl.

June 3, 1953

Mrs. Grace T. Hamilton
Atlanta Urban League
239 Auburn Ave., NE
Atlanta, Ga.

Dear Grace:

I don't know whether you've heard it or not, but at the membership meeting May 14 they elected you to the Board of Directors of the Southern Regional Council. That's the new Board, which, for the time being, carries on as before, but which would become the Council itself if we got goodly sums of money. It has 50 people elected May 14, plus the Council's 7 or 8 officers, plus 22 people put on to the Board by the State Divisions.

Do write me that you can serve. I can't tell yet whether your term is long or short. Depends on what gets shaken out of a shoe box when the staggered terms are matched up.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:ec

June 3, 1953

Rabbi Charles Mantinband
808 Mamie St.
Hattiesburg, Miss.

Dear Rabbi Mantinband:

You were present, I believe, when the membership meeting did itself the honor of electing you to the new Board of the Council, so that I needn't go into explanations of what the new Board is.

Do please write me that it is agreeable with you to serve.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:ec

June 3, 1953

Dr. B. E. Mays
Morehouse College
Atlanta, Ga.

Dear Dr. Mays:

The annual membership meeting of the Council on May 14 chose a new Board of Directors and did themselves the honor of electing you to it.

For the time being, the new Board continues much as the old, but the new by-laws were adopted, to be put into effect, if need be, by the Executive Committee. And under the new by-laws, this Board would become the Council. So that the prospects are that the new Board will have even greater policy determination than in the past.

I don't yet know how the terms for each Board member work out; it depends on a plan for drawing lots. But it will be four years or so, I should suppose.

I do hope you can write me that it is agreeable with you to serve on the Board.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:ec

June 3, 1953

Miss Josephine Wilkins
387 Milledge Ave.
Athens, Ga.

Dear Josephine:

The membership meeting of the Council May 14 did itself the honor of electing you to the new Board of Directors.

They amended the by-laws so as to use, for the time being, the Board provided for in the by-laws which you so carefully revised.

I don't know yet how long the various terms will be. They get staggered on a system of lots. But I guess it will be four years.

Do write me that you can serve.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:ec

June 4, 1953

Mr. Harry A. Ashmore, Editor
ARKANSAS GAZETTE
Box 110
Little Rock, Ark.

Dear Mr. Ashmore:

The annual membership meeting of the Council on May 14 re-elected you to the Board, and I do greatly hope that you can write me that you are agreeable to serving for a further term.

The meeting adopted new by-laws, to come into effect later on, at the discretion of the Executive Committee. The new by-laws turn the scattered membership of the Council over to State organizations, which we hope we will be able to assist with salary money for paid personnel. The Council itself would, under these by-laws, shrink to a single self-perpetuating Board. For the time being, the Board carries on as heretofore, but it is this just elected Board which would become the Southern Regional Council when and if the new by-laws come into operation.

I don't know yet whether we will ask you to serve a four-year term or a two-year term; depends on a drawing of lots.

You are of quite particular help to us as a Board member, and we do greatly hope that you can stay on. The new Board is made up very largely of people who have been on the Board here lately, but with the addition of a few more business people and persons outstanding in the churches.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:ec

June 4, 1953

Mrs. C. M. Birnie
864 Hunter St., SW
Atlanta, Ga.

Dear Mrs. Birnie:

The membership meeting of the Council on May 14 did itself the honor of electing you again to the Board, and the Board meeting then elected you to the Executive Committee. For faithful service reward is further hard work!

This is the new Board. Fifty members elected May 14. Six or seven officers. Eleven heads of State Divisions, ex-officio, plus eleven to be chosen from the various State Divisions.

The same membership meeting adopted new by-laws, to be put into effect at the discretion of the Executive Committee. So that for the time being, the new Board works along much as the old one did. But there is the possibility that its policy function would become even more important.

I do hope you can write me that it is all right with you to accept these two jobs. We all appreciated you in the past and look forward to having your help and careful thought in the future.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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June 4, 1953

Mr. Herbert M. Davidson
DAYTONA BEACH NEWS-JOURNAL
Daytona Beach, Fla.

Dear Mr. Davidson:

You were present at the membership meeting, and therefore know of your election to the altered Board. So I needn't write you the mechanics of that. I take it that you will accept all right, and unless I hear from you, I will certainly put you down as a full member of the new Board.

The Agnes Scott girl who wrote you did so without our connivance, I assure you. We consider your paper outstanding in its adherence to the best of the rules!

It was a delight to see both of you.

No further news as yet from the Ford people, but we continue to be hopeful.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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June 4, 1953

Dr. E. A. McDowell
Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary
Wake Forest, N. C.

Dear Dr. McDowell:

The membership meeting of the Southern Regional Council on May 14 did itself the honor of re-electing you to the Board of Directors of the Council. I do hope you can write me that you can serve.

They adopted new by-laws, to come into effect at the discretion of the Executive Committee; and under this change, the scattered membership of the Council would be turned over to active State organizations. We hope we can get the money to contribute salary subsidies to each State organization for full-time paid personnel. Then the Southern Regional Council would become really this new Board, with the duty of coordinating the work of the State organizations.

I don't know as yet whether your term would be two years or four; depends on a drawing of lots.

Much the same people who have been on the Board these last few years, but with the addition of a few businessmen and several more people outstanding in the churches. The new Board is to have fifty persons elected May 14, plus two from each State organization, plus seven or eight Council officers.

We value, as we always have, the link with you and with the Seminary at Louisville and at Wake Forest.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:ec

June 4, 1953

President Clyde A. Milner
Guilford College, N. C.

Dear Mr. Milner:

The annual membership meeting of the Southern Regional Council on May 14 chose a somewhat altered Board of Directors. I am happy that they re-elected you to the Board to serve for an additional term. I can't say whether it is a long term or a short--depends on the drawing of lots--but probably some four years.

The same meeting adopted a whole new set of by-laws, to be brought into effect later on, at the discretion of the Executive Committee. The new by-laws will turn the present membership of the Southern Regional Council over to active State organizations, and the just-elected Board of the Council would at that time become in reality the Council itself, with the duty of coordinating the work of the various State organizations. For the time being, however, the new Board continues with much the powers of the former one. What is to be noted is that the prospects are that this just-chosen Board will have increased policy authority.

The change provides for a Board of fifty elected persons, plus the chairman of each State organization, plus one person to be chosen to the Board from each State organization, plus the seven or eight officers of the Council--in all, seventy-odd people. About the same sort of people who have been on the Board for the last few years, but with a few more businessmen and a few more ministers.

We cherish particularly the link that you give us with the Society of Friends, who have been outstanding in their interest in and aid to the Council. So do write me that you can keep on as elected.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:ec

June 4, 1953

Mr. E. W. Palmer
Kingsport Press
Kingsport, Tenn.

Dear Mr. Palmer:

The annual membership meeting of the Council on May 14 did itself the honor of reelecting you to the Board of Directors, and I hope you can kindly write me that you will accept.

They adopted new by-laws, to be brought into effect later on, at the discretion of the Executive Committee. The new arrangement would turn over the Southwide membership of the Council to active State organizations, and the Board of Directors of the Council would become the Council itself, with the duty of coordinating the work of the State organizations. So that the prospects are that the Board will have increased policy authority. The new by-laws call for a Board of fifty persons elected May 14, plus two representatives from each State organization affiliated with the Council, plus the seven or eight officers of the Council. Much the same sort of people who have been on the Board for the last few years, but with the addition of a few more businessmen and a few more people prominent in the churches.

We value you as a member of the Board and do hope that you can be with us for a new term. I don't know as yet whether the term is two years or four; that's a matter of casting lots to distribute long and short terms.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:ec

June 4, 1953

Mrs. Alice N. Spearman
1511 Laurel St.
Columbia, S. C.

Dear Mrs. Spearman:

You were here, I believe, when the membership meeting elected you to the Board. So I don't have to go into the intricacies of what the new Board is.

Do write me that it is all right with you to serve.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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June 4, 1953

Rev. A. S. Turnipseed
1429 Gilmer Ave.
Montgomery, Ala.

Dear Mr. Turnipseed:

At the annual membership meeting of the Council on May 14 a new Board for the Council was chosen. The members did themselves the honor of electing you to the Board.

We have in these last three or four years, it is admitted, relaxed some of our links with the churches, and the nominating committee was at particular pains to bring on some carefully chosen ministers. You are one, and Bishop Clingman of Kentucky is another, and Dr. McDowell Richards at Columbia Seminary and Dr. McDowell at Wake Forest. They elected Bishop Moore also, but I have not yet approached him about serving.

The enclosed leaflet gives you the former Board. Much the same sort of people on the new Board, but with a few more businessmen and other persons prominent in the churches.

The first meeting of the Board, which occurred also on May 14, elected you to the Executive Committee of the Council. It is composed of the president of the Council, Marion Wright; four vice-presidents (Gordon Hancock, Alfred Mynders, A. W. Dent, Carter Wesley); the general counsel, Leonard Haas; and Harry V. Richardson, Mrs. C. M. Birnie, John Griffen, Paul Christopher, Rev. Maurice Shean, and Rufus E. Clement.

They chose you as someone within reach for meetings and as strengthening our ties with Alabama and with good purposes in general.

The Board meets once a year; the Executive Committee three or four times a year. We can always contrive to pay the expenses of those who come to the meetings, though there was, I believe, one time of drought when people got here on their own! Hope that will never be repeated!

I don't yet know the terms of office of the various persons chosen; depends on a system of drawing lots. Probably four years.

We all greatly hope that you can write us that these two elections are agreeable to you. The Council's job is more important than ever, and we earnestly want your advice in it.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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June 8, 1953

Dr. A. W. Dent
Dillard University
New Orleans, La.

Dear Dr. Dent:

The Board meeting on May 14 did itself the honor of re-electing you as a vice-president of the Council. Unless I hear otherwise from you, we will take it that you accept.

The same officers as heretofore, and the same Executive Committee, except that they did not re-elect Charles Johnson to the Executive Committee (regretfully, and only because he has been too busy to get here to many meetings), and put on in his stead a Methodist minister named Turnipseed from Montgomery.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:ec

April 8, 1953

Dr. A. W. Dent
Dillard University
2601 Gentilly Blvd.
New Orleans, La.

Dear Dr. Dent:

I am grateful for being included in the list of those invited to the dedication of the new science building in honor of Mr. Stern on April 19. I greatly wish I could be present.

It is a satisfaction to all who know and love the South that Mr. Stern's name is thus forever linked with the fairest expectations for the future of these States.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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DILLARD UNIVERSITY

cordially invites you to attend

the ceremonies at the

Dedication of a Science Building

in honor of

EDGAR B. STERN

Sunday Afternoon, April 19, 1953

4:30 P. M.

Dedicatory Speaker

DOCTOR ARTHUR H. COMPTON

Chancellor, Washington University

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November 3, 1951

Dr. George S. Mitchell
Executive Director
Southern Regional Council
63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Doctor Mitchell:

Last night I had my first opportunity to read through carefully the draft of the policy and purposes statement which you mailed to me on October 18. I find the statement to be very satisfactory and have no changes to suggest.

What luck are you having with the Ford Foundation?

Sincerely yours,

A. W. Dent
President

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Sept. 28, 1951

President A. W. Dent
Dillard University
New Orleans, La.

Dear Mr. Dent:

You will be glad to know that our financial problems are, for the moment, greatly eased. The American Friends Service Committee contrived a grant to us, from sources not their own, of $5,000.

So we are all right until the end of this year—that is to say, at any rate, until the Ford people have made up their minds. And we hear mainly encouraging bits, indirectly, from them.

The annual Board meeting and membership meeting have been moved this year to December 11 and 12, to give time for a reply from the Ford people.

Cordially,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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July 12, 1951

President A. W. Dent
Dillard University
New Orleans, La.

Dear Dr. Dent:

I thought your hospital people would be interested in this memorandum.

I am told that prejudice has already yielded quite a lot within the South in this field.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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Encl.

November 16, 1950

Dr. A. W. Dent
Dillard University
New Orleans, Louisiana

Dear Dr. Dent:

It was a great pleasure to have you attend our annual meeting this year, and we are encouraged by your interest in the Council's program. I do believe that something well worth while will come as a result of your suggestions.

Thank you for returning your expense account. You will be reimbursed as soon as possible, but we ask your patience.

Our kindest regards and thanks for your helpful participation.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

NH:bj

December 19, 1947

Dr. A. W. Dent, President
Dillard University
New Orleans, Louisiana

Dear Dr. Dent:

We are indeed glad to advise you of your unanimous re-election as member of the Board of Directors of the Southern Regional Council at the annual membership meeting on November 12.

The year, 1948, holds much promise and we are looking forward to it with confidence strengthened, as we feel reason to be, by the ability and excellence of individuals as well as collective membership of our Board.

With every good wish for the holidays and for the coming year, I am

Most sincerely,

(Mrs.) Agnes McKoy
Secretary-Treasurer

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June 8, 1953

Mr. L. D. Milton
Citizens Trust Co.
212 Auburn Ave., NE
Atlanta, Ga.

The membership meeting of the Council on May 14 did itself the honor of re-electing you as a member of the Board of Directors of the Council. I do hope that it is all right with you to accept. I can't yet say how long the term is; depends on a drawing of lots. But we look forward to having your continued advice and cooperation.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:ec

June 8, 1953

President Alonzo G. Moron
Hampton Institute
Hampton, Va.

Dear Mr. Moron:

The membership meeting of the Council on May 14 did itself the honor of re-electing you to the Board of Directors. They altered the by-laws and elected at this time a Board which could later on become a self-perpetuating Board, coordinating the work of active State organizations in the field of race relations. So that the policy authority of the new Board is probably in full growth, particularly if we can muster sharply increased resources for next year and those to come.

I do hope it is all right with you to serve. I can't say how long the term is; depends on a drawing of lots. But probably four years. We will write you when that is done.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:ec

June 8, 1953

Dr. C. H. Parrish
University of Louisville
Louisville, Ky.

Dear Dr. Parrish:

They put you back on the Board again.

I hope that's all right?

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:ec

June 9, 1953

Mr. A. J. Clement, Jr.
32 Bogard St.
Charleston 24, S. C.

Dear Mr. Clement:

The membership meeting of the Council on May 14 chose a reconstituted Board of Directors and did themselves the honor of electing you to the Board. I do hope you can serve.

This new Board runs along much as the old for the time being, but the prospect is that, under altered by-laws (adopted at the meeting and to come into effect at the discretion of the Executive Committee), the Council would dwindle to the Board of Directors itself, and the various State organizations would be strengthened (we hope) with the aid of a subsidy from the Council to enable them to put on paid personnel. So that the coordinating functions of the Board of the Council becomes of increasing importance.

Do write me that it is all right with you to serve. I can't yet say how long the term is--depends on the drawing of lots--but probably four years or so.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

June 9, 1953

Mr. Charles G. Gomillion
Box 31
Tuskegee Institute, Ala.

Dear Mr. Gomillion:

The membership meeting of the Council on May 14 chose a reconstituted Board of Directors and did themselves the honor of electing you to the Board. I do hope you can serve.

This new Board runs along much as the old for the time being, but the prospect is that, under altered by-laws (adopted at the meeting and to come into effect at the discretion of the Executive Committee), the Council would dwindle to the Board of Directors itself, and the various State organizations would be strengthened (we hope) with the aid of a subsidy from the Council to enable them to put on paid personnel. So that the coordinating functions of the Board of the Council become of increasing importance.

Do write me that it is all right with you to serve. I can't yet say how long the term is--depends on the drawing of lots--but probably four years or so.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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June 9, 1953

Mr. J. Edwin Smith
3504 Oakdale
Houston, Texas

Dear Mr. Smith:

I don't know how much you know about this Southern Regional Council, but I announce to you that at its membership meeting on May 14 the Council did itself the honor of electing you to the Board of Directors. Mrs. Hogue was a member of the nominating committee, and all who were present thought the choice of you most wise.

I enclose a leaflet giving the barest facts about the Council and listing the outgoing Board. This new Board will have fifty members elected May 14, plus two from each of our State Divisions, plus the officers of the Council. There are much the same sort of people as were on the former Board--with a great many who were simply re-elected--but with the addition of a number of people from business fields and from church groups.

Membership on the Board has never been time-consuming. The Board meets once a year, and we have thus far always (with one sad exception!) been able to pay the expenses of members of the Board for the meeting. The May 14 meeting adopted new by-laws, to come into effect later on, at the discretion of the Executive Committee, which will convert the Council into a sort of federation of active State programs, assisted by the Council itself. Our Southwide membership would be turned over to the State organizations, and the Council would really become merely this new Board of Directors, with power to elect to its own vacancies. So that the prospects are that the new Board will have greater policy determination than in the past.

I can't yet say the length of any individual term--probably four years--but it depends on a drawing of lots.

I do greatly hope that you can write me that it is agreeable with you to serve in this way.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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Encl.

June 10, 1953

Dr. Henry M. Bullock
The Methodist Church
810 Broadway
Nashville 2, Tenn.

Dear Dr. Bullock:

The Southern Regional Council held its annual membership meeting on May 14, and the members did themselves the honor of electing you to the Board of Directors. That is some fifty persons chosen May 14, plus two people from each State organization of the Council, plus seven or eight officers. Much the same sort of people, and indeed, mostly exactly the same people as are listed in the out-going in the enclosed leaflet, but with the addition of several people, including yourself, from church groups and four or five more people from business fields.

I can't yet say how long the term is--depends on the drawing of lots--but probably four years.

The membership meeting adopted altered by-laws, to come into effect at the discretion of the Executive Committee. Under the new by-laws, the Council proper would dwindle to this Board, with power to fill its own vacancies. And the Board would coordinate the work of stronger, fairly independent, and assisted State organizations. The assistance, we hope, would take the form of full-time paid personnel, with salary money that we want to provide ultimately from the Council itself. These more magnificent plans depend on the success of our appeal to a major foundation. But we feel sufficiently encouraged to make arrangements to meet that possibility.

The Council, as you know, has over the years had the strongest links with the Methodist Church--indeed, we could not have lived had it not been for the three thousand-odd dollars, in one way or another, the church grants us each year.

The same meeting on May 14 chose to the Executive Committee a Methodist pastor at Montgomery, Mr. Turnipseed, so that we will be sure of having his views in the quarterly meetings of the Executive Committee.

Dr. Henry M. Bullock, June 10, 1953

Service on the Board is no great burden. It meets once a year, and expenses of the Board members are paid for the meeting.

I greatly hope that you can write me that it is agreeable with you to accept membership on our Board.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GADSDEN E. SHAND, JR.
112 SO. SALUDA AVE. PHONE 2-8925
COLUMBIA 5, S. C.

Asheville
June 11, 1953

Southern

Dear George -

I certainly did appreciate your letter; I am only sorry that I did not write to you first as I had intended to do. I am very glad that I came to the meeting and I hope to attend all others. It is a pleasure to be associated with you. I wish that I could give more time and money to help this organization.

The more I think of the action of the Supreme Court in delaying their decision, the more I believe that this will be for the best. The Southern people, white and Negro, are becoming more tolerant every day. Many people who would never have advocated a change are beginning to feel that the skys may not fall if a change is made. The politicians are no longer shouting "Keep the nigger in his place". Some of them seem to be trying to prepare themselves and their constituents for

a court decision against segregation.
What we need now George, is the ~~[illegible]~~ widest possible publicity to every move made in the South towards tolerance. Can you get some National Commentator to give these publicity?

Many small (& large) newspapers in the South will publish items in a syndicated column that they will not publish as their own news. I am enclosing two notes that I made which indicate what I mean. Of course I have not and cannot do anything with these but I do think that someone could put something like this over if they knew the ropes.

I am still spending most of my time in N.C., getting home only on week-ends. Let me know when you are coming over this way.

As I believe you know, Pembroke College has received many applications from white students since the N.C. Legislature removed the provision that limited it to Indians, at the request of the Trustees. If one or more school boards or Counties in the South would request permission to abolish segregation it would have a good effect. Would some of the Counties that you had in mind do this?

I still think that now is the time to get wide publicity to what has happened already. Most people in the South never hear or read about what is going on because their local papers delete it.

Sincerely

Gadsden Shaul

Keeping Up With The South

#1 Race Relations
#2 Law Enforcement
#3 Furniture Mart

5/17/53

Keeping Up With The South

Much has been written about the South in the past few years. Novels of the old south have been widely read. Articles and talks on the new South have attracted attention throughout the World. Yet many people in the South, are unaware of what is going on around them, particularly in the field of race relations. This is clearly shown by the oft heard statement "I did not realize that the South was ready for this - yet".

On May 13th Atlanta held an election for city officials. In the race for one seat on the school board, the incumbent, a white man with a good record, was supported by the Atlanta Journal and all local politicians (and Governor Fallmage?) His opponent, a Negro, the President of Atlanta University won the election by a large majority. In some all white precincts he lead by better than a 3 to 1 majority.

After the election the defeated candidate stated,

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"I did not make a single campaign speech. I thought that I could win without it. I had not realized that Atlanta was ready for this." Yet he was among the first to congratulate the winner - Dr. Rufus E. Clement. Dr Clement stated, "This is one of the things that I like about America and the South".

~~George Edwards~~

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Keeping Up With The South

GUILTY - was the verdict for nineteen former members of the Ku Klux Klan in a case at Whiteville, N.C. May 18th. Twelve of these were given prison sentences and seven placed on parole. The leader of the Klan in North and South Carolina, was already in prison.

The May 18th case was one of several that resulted from a wave of floggings in the Whiteville-Conway section of the two Carolinas almost two years ago. No convictions were obtained in South Carolina but several of those convicted in North Carolina were from the lower State.

Credit for arousing public sentiment against the Klan and its activities goes chiefly to the editors of the Whiteville and Tabor City newspapers, who received the coveted Pulitzer prize for their outstanding leadership in this undertaking. Their unrelenting crusade

~~against this~~, backed by the Governor and other law enforcement officers of North Carolina, culminated in these trials and convictions which broke up the Klan in the Carolinas and rendered it a fatal blow in other ~~sections~~ Southern States. These Whiteville trials mark the end of an era ~~[illegible]~~ in the South; ~~[illegible]~~ a period when terrorism by lawless groups was condoned by many public officials, ~~and~~ private citizens and juries. It marks a turning point in a wave of disrespect for law and order that has been running rampant in the South in many fields.

The courageous and determined fight of Mr. Willard Cole of the Whiteville News Reporter and of Mr. W. Hoyt Horne of the Tabor City Tribune has bolstered the faith and courage of law abiding citizens and of law enforcement officers in this section. It promises to lead to more respect for law and order and to less condonement of unlawful acts.

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May 19, 1953

Mr. Gadsden Shand
110 S. Saluda Ave.
Columbia 5, S. C.

Dear Gadsden:

We all thank you a heap for coming over and working long and hard in that meeting.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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GADSDEN E. SHAND, JR.
1110 SO. SALUDA AVE. PHONE 2-8925
COLUMBIA 5, S. C.

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May 10, 1953

Dear George -

I will reach Atlanta by noon Wed, 13th.

I hope that I can get a few minutes with you and Marion before the committee meets.

Am writing for reservations at the Hampton Hotel.

Have recently talked to Virginia Dabney, Dr. Trigg, Paul Williams and Gordon Hancock. I was at the D.C. Advisory Bd. meeting last week.

Sincerely.

Gadsden

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GADSDEN E. SHAND, JR.
110 SO. SALUDA AVE. PHONE 2-8925
COLUMBIA 5, S. C.

April 6, 1953.

Dr. George S. Mitchell,
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
Atlanta, Ga.

Dear George:

I have your belated announcement of my appointment to the Noninating Committee. As I know very few of the members out side of South Carolina I do not feel that I am the one for this job but if you wish me to serveI shall be glad to do so, altho I have a suspicion that you and Marion must have rigged this one.

I will look forward to receiving the list of former board members. As you know, I have long been trying to get you to send me a list of the active chapters andactive members in Northand South Carolina. I am spending practically all of my time in North Carolina now, getting to Columbia only on week ends. I go to Richmond one or two days a month, usually by overnight sleeper. I have seen Mr. Gordon Hancock twice and enjoyed talking to him. I have not attempted to contact Mr. Dabney as I have had no free time during the day.

I have some spare time on my handsin the evenings during the week and could contact some parties in Northe Carolina if I can do any good. I expect to be in Charlotte and vicinity this week, staying at the Stonewall Hotel. I am planning to see my friend W.E.Bluford, Prof. of History at J.C. Smith Univ. He is the brother of the President of A.&T.

I would like to have a small amount of suitable literature and membership cards which I think that I can use to advantage.

Let me know when the meeting will be held as soon as you know so I can make arrangements to get off at that time. I may have to go to West Virginia for a couple of weeks in May so I want to get my request for leave in before they announce the time.

I will try to get together with some others coming to the meeting from Columbia or Charlotte.

Sincerely.

Gadsden

March 30, 1953

Mr. Gadsden Shand
110 South Saluda St.
Columbia, S. C.

Dear Gadsden:

You don't know it, but 'way back in September when our Executive Committee met, it picked a nominating committee to report to the next annual meeting and made you chairman. This particular committee has the duty of naming members of the Board of Directors of SRC.

Ordinarily, the nominating committee has no onerous job, as the vacancies on the Board are few. But this time I expect a new by-law to be adopted, which will give us a complete newly-elected Board. That doesn't mean they have all to be new people at all, but it does mean we can pick from all our good people the full Board.

I will be sending you in a few days a complete list of everybody who has ever been on the Board and names of such other people as have been, from time to time, mentioned as suitable ones.

The committee will be asked to convene in Atlanta the late afternoon before the annual membership meeting. That membership meeting comes, we think, on May 14. Expenses of the members of the nominating committee will be paid.

I do hope you can accept and do us all a really important service.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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GADSDEN E. SHAND, JR.
110 SO. SALUDA AVE. PHONE 2-8925
COLUMBIA 5, S. C.

Dec. 27, 1952

Dear George -

I came thru Atlanta last Tues. and had every intention of calling you but you had left the office by the time I had an opportunity of doing so. ~~and~~ Shortly thereafter I learned that all planes were grounded because of the bad weather and I spent the rest of my time trying to get a ride to Columbia. I arrived home, via bus, at 5 am and then slept most of Christmas Eve.

I thought you would be interested to know that Rosa made good use of the material that you sent to her also what I had. They had a debate on "Segregation should be abolished in SC". She took the affirmative and her team won. It does show that these high school students are thinking about current problems.

I am leaving Nashville, thank goodness. Officially I am being transferred to Richmond with the same organization, S.D.P.A., but I will spend most of my time in No. Car., and can get home more frequently. I will be in Richmond several days a month and I hope to have the opportunity of meeting Virginia Dabney. I did have some correspondence with him years ago on the racial problem but of course he would not remember me.

I probably will not get back to Atlanta soon, but I hope to see you some there. If there is anything that I can do for you in N.C. please call on me. I may get to Washington occasionally. I will be here until Jan 4th.

Best regards to all your family. Sincerely, Sadie

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January 2, 1952

Mr. Gadsden E. Shand, Jr.
110 S. Saluda Ave.
Columbia 5, S. C.

Dear Gadsden:

Many thanks for your nice letter.

In Richmond, in addition to V. Dabney, seek out Gordon Hancock, who is a longtime professor at Virginia Union University. One of the wisest people in all these matters.

Whenever you get to Atlanta, let me know. I will need the fresh information you will bring from Virginia and the Carolinas.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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June 16, 1953

Mr. A. J. Clement, Jr.
Station A, Box 36
Charleston, S. C.

Dear Mr. Clement:

Many thanks for your kind letter of June 11. We look forward to having you on the Board.

I send you separately, with much pleasure, 25 copies of the May issue of NEW SOUTH.

We are trying to get in each State a volunteer person who will inform himself fully on the school situation and be prepared to steer us, as well as other groups in the State, on alternative programs to what the governors are too likely to be recommending. In South Carolina Howard McClain has taken on that job. We hope that later on, if we can get money, we can construct in each State a school committee which would do a steady job of putting before the people of the State a proper program that could be agreed upon by the leadership of both races.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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June 26, 1953

Dr. Z. A. Looby
419 Fourth Ave., N.
Nashville 3, Tenn.

Dear Dr. Looby:

Our membership meeting on May 14 elected a new Board of Directors. Fifty members were chosen then, plus two to be added later from each State organization. They altered the by-laws in such a manner as to change the Council itself, when the by-laws come fully into effect, into a Board of Directors with power to fill its own vacancies. The present Southwide membership of the Council would be turned over to active State organizations, each with its own policy body and each with its own staff. The Council itself hopes that it will be in position to help the State organizations with the payment of staff. SRC would coordinate the work of the State groups and employ a small staff of people to get research answers to the day-to-day needs of action people in the States.

Those from Tennessee who were elected May 14 to the Board were yourself, Dr. Charles S. Johnson, Mrs. E. U. Robinson, and Dr. Henry M. Bullock (who has written me that it will not be possible for him to serve).

You are an old Board member and know all about us--what and how we do. While the new Board promises to have somewhat increased responsibilities, I am satisfied it can get by with a single annual meeting, and as you know, we have nearly always been able to pay the expenses of Board members to the meeting.

I greatly hope that you can write me that you can serve. We honor you and sincerely want you.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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June 26, 1953

Mr. John H. Wheeler
Mechanics & Farmers Bank
Durham, N. C.

Dear Mr. Wheeler:

At the membership meeting May 14 they picked a substantially revised Board of Directors. The meeting adopted new by-laws and picked such a Board as it thought suitable for running the Council under the altered structure. The changes, when brought into effect, will turn over the present Southwide membership of the Council to active State organizations, each with its own Board and staff. We hope that the Council will be in a position to help each State organization for several years to come with almost full provision of salary for State staff. The Southern Regional Council itself will become merely a central Board of Directors with power to fill its own vacancies. It will coordinate the work of the State organizations, continue to publish a magazine, and employ a small staff of people to engage in what we call action-research--helping the State people to find answers to particular problems as they may arise.

The membership chose fifty persons to be on this new Board of Directors, one of them yourself. In addition to these fifty, each State organization will have its chairman and one other person as ex-officio members of the Board of the Council itself.

The North Carolinians who were elected to the new Board are yourself, Dr. McDowell of Wake Forest, and Bishop Penick.

The Board will continue to meet once a year, as heretofore. And, as you know, we have always been able, with one sad exception, to pay the expenses of Board members to the meeting.

The new Board has every likelihood of having substantially increased importance and responsibility, and I do greatly hope that you can write me that you will be good enough to serve. You are an important man to us, and we value greatly the long and helpful link with you.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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June 26, 1953

Mr. Thomas Young
JOURNAL & GUIDE
Norfolk, Va.

Dear Mr. Young:

The membership meeting of the Southern Regional Council of May 14, having adopted altered by-laws, elected a new Board of Directors. Many of those who have been on the Board for some time were asked to continue to serve, but there were also some changes, mostly in the direction of getting more people from business and from the churches. The nominees from Virginia were Paul Williams and yourself. In addition, the Department of Christian Social Relations of the Virginia Council of Churches, though unaffiliated with the Council, was given the right to have its chairman, Rev. W. Carroll Brooke of Staunton, serve as ex-officio member of the Board and the further right (in common with affiliated committees and State Divisions) to elect one additional person, ex-officio, to the Board.

In the reorganization we lost from membership on the Board many of our most helpful and devoted friends, among them your father, as I will be writing him in a few days. Obviously, the nominating committee was most anxious to get you to be on the Board to continue the honored link with the Youngs.

The new by-laws, when finally brought into effect, will alter the structure of the Council, which, in its own name, will become merely a self-perpetuating Board of Trustees, coordinating the work of active State organizations and, we hope, substantially assisting them with funds. So that this new Board is in for increased responsibility. Ordinarily, it will not meet more than once a year, and it has always been possible (with one sad exception!) to pay the expenses of Board members to the annual meeting.

We do all greatly hope that it will be possible for you to accept.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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July 7, 1953

Mr. Ralph Barbare
607 College Ave.
Rock Hill, S. C.

Dear Mr. Barbare:

Our Council had its annual membership meeting in mid-May of this year and elected a largely new Board of Directors. They did themselves the honor of electing you, and I now write to tell you more about the Council and to ask you please to accept.

Dorothy Jones knows us well. So does my good friend, Miss Mary Frazier. So do Father Maurice Shean and Phil Ogilvie. I have some slight acquaintance also with various leading figures in the Negro community in Rock Hill.

Too long a business to go into the whole history of the Council. You must know something about us and have formed your opinions, anyway.

Service on the Board is no great chore. It meets once a year, and we have always, with one sad exception, been able to pay expenses of the Board members to the meeting. However, the Board is in for some substantial increase in authority and responsibility. We are changing the structure of the Council to be a sort of federation of active State organizations, and our present scattered Southwide State membership would belong only to its appropriate State groups. The Council would then be a seventy-man Board of Directors, coordinating the work of the State organizations, directing a program of research tied in with the action of the field people, and publishing a journal. All these more magnificent plans depend on our getting large sums of money, long applied for and not yet received, but we live in hopes.

The other South Carolina persons elected to the Board with you are: Mr. A. J. Clement of Charleston, Mrs. Eugene Spearman of Columbia, Father Shean, and Mr. James L. Coker of Hartsville. From the other States quite

similar people. Mr. James M. Dabbs at Mayesville is chairman of the South Carolina Division, and therefore automatically a member of the Board of Directors.

I greatly hope that you can write me that it is all right with you to serve.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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July 9, 1953

Mr. Will Clayton
Anderson, Clayton & Co.
1300 Prairie Ave.
Houston, Texas

Dear Mr. Clayton:

When a man reaches your distinction, I suppose ten dozen organizations ask him to be a member of their Boards. Here is another, and one which earnestly hopes you can accept.

The Council is an outgrowth of the work done across the South, beginning in 1919, by the former Commission on Interracial Cooperation, of which Will W. Alexander was for many years the head. In 1942 and 1943 a series of leadership meetings in the South, first with Negroes, then with whites, then of the two together, set up (early in 1944) the Southern Regional Council to carry through their hopes.

We have always been a responsible organization, searching for the truth before we speak, speaking as little as possible, and doing as much as we can, and working through people who can get things done. The record is nothing too impressive, it must be admitted. We've been small. But we have led the way in a number of things that have done a lot of good.

Convincing police chiefs and police committees and city councils that they ought to add Negro policemen has been, in some part, the Council's work. Persuading Southern newspapers quietly to drop the worst of the old discriminatory practices in the way news of Negroes was carried has been another Council effort. We have encouraged, and here and there, assisted in the broadening of the franchise to include the Negro population of the South. The old Interracial Commission worked nobly to reduce lynching and other forms of interracial violence, and the Council continues to serve as an informal network of friends, interracially active, who ward off trouble whenever they can.

We believe deeply in economic progress as the main key to better race relations, and urge industrialization and business development at every point.

We also have a keen interest in progress in Southern agriculture, and particularly in the growth of independence and security on the land.

The Board of Directors meets once a year. Under amended by-laws adopted at the May 14 meeting, the Board becomes the Council itself, with a coordinating authority over active State organisations affiliated with the Council. We have always been able, with one sad exception, to pay the expenses of Board members to the annual meeting. An Executive Committee, meeting quarterly, sets interim policy for the staff.

Other Texas persons elected May 14 to the Board were: Mr. J. Edwin Smith, Mr. Tom Friedman, Mr. R. O'Hara Lanier, Mrs. J. N. Raysor, and Mr. Charles A. Shaw, all of Houston; and Mrs. Tommie Stroud of Waco. Mr. Carter Wesley of Houston is a vice-president of the Council and therefore a member of the Board and of the Executive Committee.

I enclose a leaflet which gives a hasty glance at the Council's work and a list of Board members, as of April 1953. Many of these same people are on the new Board, but there are additional people from the churches and from commerce and industry.

Do consider us pretty carefully. We are not strong, as I said, but we have been conscientious and practical, and we are satisfied that there is a growing need in the South for just the work that the Council does.

Mrs. William H. Hogue in Houston knows us quite well and, I am sure, would be glad to describe the Council in more detail if you had opportunity to be in touch with her.

I do greatly hope that you can write us that you will accept this interest and responsibility in the development of the public life of the South.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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July 9, 1953

Dr. E. C. Colwell
Emory University, Ga.

Dear Dr. Colwell:

The Council had its annual membership meeting May 14 here in Atlanta. They altered the by-laws substantially and paved the way for a whole new structure of the Council, under which our scattered Southwide membership would be turned over to active State organizations, these in turn to be coordinated by a central Board of Directors, which Board would really be the Southern Regional Council. Fifty persons elected at the May 14 meeting, plus two to come on to the Board from each State organization, plus the seven or eight officers of the Council. The enclosed leaflet gives the former Board (many of whom are on the new one) plus a quick summary of SRC.

The Board meets once a year. It chooses an Executive Committee (of which John Griffin is one), and the Executive Committee in quarterly meetings sets policy for the staff, within the general directions of the annual meeting of the Board.

The membership meeting did themselves the honor of electing you to the Board of Directors. It is not an onerous job, but it is a job that calls for earnest policy consideration in the annual meetings and some concentration during the year.

We do greatly hope that you can write me that you accept and will be part of the Board.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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July 9, 1953

Mr. Tom Friedman
1110 Bissonnet
Houston, Texas

Dear Mr. Friedman:

Our annual membership meeting on May 14 of this year elected a largely new Board of Directors. They altered the by-laws also in such a way as to make it possible for the Council to become later on, and if it gets some money, a federation of active State organizations, each with its own membership and Board of Directors; the whole of it tied together by affiliation to the Southern Regional Council itself, which would really be merely this new Board of Directors.

We elected fifty people to the new Board, and one of them, I am happy to say, is you.

Consult Mrs. William H. Hogue about the Council, as she knows us pretty thoroughly.

The Board only meets once a year, and we have always, with one sad exception, been able to pay the expenses of Board members to the meetings. An Executive Committee, which meets quarterly, does the interim work on policy, but the Board is in for increasing importance in these queer times in Southern history.

I do hope that you can write me that it is all right with you to come on to the Board.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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July 9, 1953

Mr. Morton L. Weiss
45 Valley Rd., NW
Atlanta, Ga.

Dear Mr. Weiss:

The 1953 membership meeting of the Southern Regional Council (May 14) did itself the honor of electing you to the Board of Directors of the Council. This is to ask you to be good enough to serve.

The other Georgia members elected were: John Griffin at Emory; Morris Abram; Benjamin Mays at Morehouse; Harry Richardson at Gammon Seminary; Mrs. Cassandra Maxwell Birnie, a lawyer who came here a year or two ago from Orangeburg, South Carolina; Mrs. Grace Hamilton of the Urban League; Mr. L. D. Milton at the Citizens Trust Company; Bishop Arthur J. Moore; Miss Josephine Wilkins of Athens; and Dean E. C. Colwell of Emory.

We altered the by-laws at the May 14 meeting and chose a newly constituted Board. Many of those listed as Board members in the enclosed leaflet were chosen again, but the Board was strengthened in the direction of more people from the churches and more people from business and industry.

The Board meets once a year. An Executive Committee of nine members from the Board, plus the officers of the Council (identical with those on the leaflet) meets quarterly and gives much of the policy direction to the staff.

The new by-laws, when they come into effect, will alter the Council from an organization having scattered Southwide membership to a kind of federation of active State groups. Members will belong to their State groups, and the State groups will be affiliated with the Council. And the Council will be merely this Board of Directors, with power to elect to its own vacancies. So I think the importance of the Board is in for an increase.

Mr. Louis Regenstein was a member of the nominating committee and knows us well. We would greatly like to have you as a member of the Board, and I do hope you can write me that it is agreeable with you to accept.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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July 10, 1953

Mr. John McCann
231 Baronne St.
New Orleans 12, La.

Dear Mr. McCann:

Our annual membership meeting on May 14 did itself the honor of electing you to the Board of Directors of the Southern Regional Council. I do hope you can accept.

The enclosed leaflet gives the outgoing Board. Most of these were reelected, and a few people from various business fields and some church groups were chosen in addition.

We have for some years had Father Vince on the Executive Committee, but with the sad loss of him to Minnesota, the Board substituted Father Maurice Shean as a member of the Executive Committee.

The Board meets only once a year, and, while its policy decisions are ruling, service on the Board is no great burden. And we have customarily been able to pay the expenses of those who come to the meeting.

Florence Sytz is a member of the Board, and Father Twomey is a member, ex-officio. I hope that, in one way or another, Mrs. Adler will be on the Board, ex-officio, also.

Do write me that it is all right with you to serve. We will rejoice to have you.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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August 7, 1953

Mr. S. Thomas Friedman
Executive Director
Southwestern Jewish Community Relations Council
1110 Bissonnet
Houston 5, Texas

Dear Mr. Friedman:

So glad you will be on our Board. We will appreciate you.

Here's a fairly recent leaflet. It gives the Board until May 15, when we elected a new one, but not greatly changed. I haven't finished building it yet, so I can't list all the people on it.

I send you NEW SOUTH for the last year. You will see from that what sort of things we work at. Observe, in particular, the December 1952 issue, which reprinted, in condensed form, the Durham Conference Statement, 'way back in '42, which was part of our beginning. The other part was the old Commission on Interracial Cooperation.

Useful item is the policy statement of December 1951.

When you get around to it, you ought to pay your dues to the Council!

Have a chat sometime with Mrs. Crate or Mrs. Hogue. They will give you all the background you will need.

We have many friends in common, and I look forward to this opportunity to get acquainted with you.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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August 17, 1953

Rev. A. S. Turnipseed
Dexter Avenue Methodist Church
301 Dexter Avenue
Montgomery 4, Ala.

Dear Mr. Turnipseed:

You delight us with your letter of August 6. We rejoice to have you on the Board and on the Executive Committee.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:ec

August 26, 1953

Dr. R. B. Atwood
Kentucky State College
Frankfort, Ky.

Dear Mr. Atwood:

I am extremely late in notifying you that the Council's annual membership meeting 'way back last May 14 re-elected you to the Board of Directors. I count so cordially on your continuing to be our friend that I let your name be in the list of the latest people to be written to!

Do write me that it is all right for you to serve a further term. I won't know till lots are drawn whether it is two years or four, but we will hope for four!

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:ec

August 26, 1953

Rt. Rev. E. A. Penick
Bishop of North Carolina
802 Hillsboro St.
Raleigh, N. C.

Dear Bishop Penick:

Though I am a bit late, I am happy to tell you that at the May 14 membership meeting of the Council you were re-elected to the Board of Directors. I do hope it is all right with you to serve for a further term. For the moment, we don't know whether terms are two years or four years till lots are drawn!

The National Council has for the last several years sent SRC a contribution of a thousand dollars, and we want the Church to continue to be represented on the Board. You and Bishop Clingman, so far as I can see on the list, are our sole dependencies for keeping up this most helpful link between the Board and the Church.

The other North Carolina people elected to the Board were Guy Johnson at Chapel Hill, Dr. McDowell at Wake Forest, and Mr. John H. Wheeler in Durham. The Rev. Leon Russell at Greenville will be on the Board as chairman of the North Carolina Division, and some other person to be chosen by the North Carolina Division.

The Board is likely to have additional authority under altered by-laws adopted at the May 14 meeting.

The new Board is much the same as before, but with a few additional people from business and from the Churches.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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August 26, 1953

Mrs. E. U. Robinson
125 Fifth Ave., S.
Franklin, Tenn.

Dear Mrs. Robinson:

Last May 14 when the Southern Regional Council had its annual membership meeting, they elected an altered Board of Directors, which, I am happy to say, included you for the new term. The new Board potentially has considerably increased authority, because the membership meeting adopted changed by-laws, to be brought into effect later on, if and when the Council gets some money. Under the new by-laws the Council itself would be merely the new 75-man Board, and our present membership, we hope increased substantially, would belong only to vigorous State organizations affiliated with the Council.

I'm sorry I can't say how long the new term runs--two or four years, I suppose. But it depends on lots yet to be drawn.

We have valued you as a member these last couple of years and are delighted that the membership elected you again. Do write me that it is all right with you to serve for the further term.

The new Board is much the same as the old, but with a few more people from business and a few more people from the churches.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:ec

August 27, 1953

Rt. Rev. Charles Clingman
421 S. 2nd St.
Louisville, Ky.

Dear Bishop Clingman:

The annual membership meeting of the Council last May 14 elected you to the Board of Directors. I do hope it is all right with you to serve.

The Board is made up of some fifty persons elected by the membership, the six or seven officers, and two people from each State Division. As Kentucky Board members that gives us yourself, Mr. Atwood, Mr. Tydings, and one other to be chosen by the Kentucky Division.

You are a longstanding member of the Council and must know us pretty well. I send as a reminder of our program and policy a statement adopted in December 1951 by the Board and by the membership meeting.

The National Council of the Episcopal Church has, for the last two or three years, given us a thousand dollars, and we are most anxious for the Church to continue to play an important part in all policy decisions of the Council.

The Board meets once a year, usually here in Atlanta, and we have customarily been able to pay the travel expenses for the members.

For the moment, I can't say whether the term would be for two years or for four. Lots have to be drawn, as the by-laws were amended this year and the Board reconstituted. Incidentally, the new by-laws increase the importance of the Board in the organization.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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Encl.

August 27, 1953

Rev. Paul Hardin, Jr.
First Methodist Church
518 N. 19th St.
Birmingham, Ala.

Dear Mr. Hardin:

Last May 14 the membership of the Southern Regional Council held an annual meeting here in Atlanta and did themselves the honor of electing you to the Board of Directors of the Council. This is a Board of some fifty persons chosen by the members directly, plus two from each of our eleven State Divisions of the Council, plus the six or seven officers of the Council. I enclose a leaflet of some months ago as showing the Board at that time. The May 14 election dropped some of the former Board members and added others, mostly from business and from the churches. Much the same sort of people as have been on the Board right along.

Others in Alabama who were elected May 14 were Mr. Charles Gomillion at Tuskegee and the Rev. Mr. Turnipseed at Montgomery. The Rev. Mr. Whitsett at Sylacauga, as chairman of the Alabama Division, will have a seat on the Board also, with one other person to be chosen by the Alabama Division.

The Board is our principal policy-making authority. It meets once a year, usually in Atlanta, and we have customarily been able to pay the travel expenses of the Board members to the meeting.

I send along various recent issues of NEW SOUTH, as showing the flow of policy and purpose within the Council. There is also a copy of the policy statement issued in December 1951.

We have tried straight along to be reasonable, temperate, and effective in Southern matters relating to race.

Many Birmingham friends would know fairly intimately about the Council. I think of Mr. Mervyn Sterne, Dr. Taggart, Mr. McClellan Vander Veer, and others.

Rev. Paul Hardin, August 27, 1953

Terms on the Board are ordinarily four years, renewable for a second four years. For the moment, until lots are drawn, we don't know the duration of terms of those elected May 14.

We do greatly hope that you will be willing to lend your advice to us in these critical times.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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Encl.

August 27, 1953

Mrs. Tommie Stroud
3225 Maple Ave.
Waco, Texas

Dear Mrs. Stroud:

I am very late notifying you of the honor the membership meeting of the Southern Regional Council did themselves when, on May 14 of this year, they elected you to the Board of Directors of the Council.

Mrs. Hogue, who was a member of the nominating committee, tells me that you are already a reader of NEW SOUTH, and must therefore be well-informed about us. I send as definitive a policy statement of December 1951.

Others in Texas who were elected May 14 include Mrs. J. N. Rayzor, Mr. Thomas Friedman, Mr. Will Clayton (who did not accept), Mr. Carter Wesley, Mr. J. Edwin Smith, and Mr. R. O'Hara Lanier.

The Board, in general, is much the same sort of people who were its members as listed in the enclosed pamphlet WHAT KIND OF SOUTH DO YOU WANT?, but with a few substitutions, mostly from business and from the churches. Bishop Penick, by the way, was re-elected and Bishop Clingman at Louisville, though I do not as yet have the acceptance of either Bishop.

The Board customarily meets once a year. It is the principal policy-making body of the Council and, under altered by-laws adopted at the May meeting, will in all probability increase in importance. We have customarily been able to pay the expenses of Board members to the meetings. I don't know how long the term of each individual member will be--depends on the drawing of lots. But either two or four years.

Do write us that it is all right with you to come on to the Board, and we will be most appreciative of having you.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:ec

August 31, 1953

Mrs. W. Floyd Bates
125 Atkins Street
North Little Rock, Ark.

Dear Mrs. Bates:

At the last clap of this summer month I hasten to invite you to be a member of the Board of Directors of the Southern Regional Council. Whisper it not, but the election by the annual membership meeting was as long ago as May 14, and your humble correspondent is merely slow in getting all the letters out.

The new Board will be made up of much the same people as have been on it straight along. List of the old one as enclosed. Many of the old list have stayed on, and a few others have been added from the churches and from business and industry.

The nominating committee had a hard time in reducing the whole list of those they wanted to a total of fifty, but on all counts Mrs. Bates's name stayed in every list!

Do write me that it is all right with you to serve. The Board meets once a year, ordinarily here in Atlanta, and we have customarily been able to pay the expenses of people to come. I think under the new by-laws the authority of the Board in all policy matters is in for growth.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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August 31, 1953

Rev. Paul Hardin, Jr.
First Methodist Church
6th Ave. & 19th St.
Birmingham 3, Ala.

Dear Mr. Hardin:

The fullest admission of a poor job of writing you about election to the Board. It just happened that this year a whole new Board of fifty members was to be elected, and I, as the man to write the letters, have been spreading them inexcusably over the weeks, a few at a time.

The nominating committee, as I recall, was made up of Gadsden Shand of Columbia, South Carolina; Rev. Edward G. Mackay of Oxford, Georgia; Mrs. William H. Hogue of Houston; Mr. Ernest Neal of Tuskegee Institute; Mr. Louis Regenstein of Atlanta; and Mr. Ocie Lee Smith of Little Rock.

We've had acceptances from some 39 of those who were chosen and refusals from five or six.

Do ask around about the Council, and if you find yourself willing to accept membership on the Board, we would all be very grateful.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:ec

August 31, 1953

Dr. J. McDowell Richards
Columbia Theological Seminary
Decatur, Ga.

Dear Dr. Richards:

Before this August month expires I hasten to issue an invitation to you that should have been sent out late in May. On May 14 our Council's membership held the annual meeting and elected its Board of Directors. This year nearly everybody's term was up, and that made a total of fifty elections, including, I am happy to say, yourself.

You have been a faithful member and have known us from the beginning, and from before. I do hope it is all right with you to come on to the Board. Much the same sort of people who have been on it from the beginning, with a few more from the churches and a few more from business and industry. The leaflet WHAT KIND OF SOUTH DO YOU WANT? contains the former Board, as some indication of the sort of people who have been on it before.

The other Georgia people who will be on are: John Griffin, Josephine Wilkins, Grace Hamilton, Harry Richardson, Cassandra Maxwell Birnie, Benjamin Mays, and Rufus Clement.

The Board meets once a year, always thus far here in Atlanta. Under changes in the by-laws the authority of the Board in policy matters will grow.

Do write me that you can take this renewed interest in the Council.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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Encl.

September 3, 1953

Mr. Z. A. Looby
419 Fourth Ave., N.
Nashville, Tenn.

Dear Mr. Looby:

We are delighted to have you on the Board for the new term. Many thanks.

I talked at some length to Miss Robinson in your office about the Commission and hoped she would pass the notion on. The story begins with the Willie McGee case in Mississippi. Friends in New York sent me translations of a whole sheaf of editorials which had appeared in the European press. They came from Catholic papers, capitalist papers, labor papers, Communist papers, and what have you. They all said much the same thing, that if Willie McGee had been white, he would not have been electrocuted. My New York friend said, "Look here, Mitchell, you claim to be running a Southern organization. What can you do about this?"

We all thought about it some and decided that it would be well to try to get attention to two related problems. There is the flaring and widely known grievance of unequal penalties in such cases as Willie McGee; but there is also the pervasive and less known grievance of unequal penalties along racial lines in many more general crimes. We suppose that this old established practice of many Southern courts in meting out a differential justice must be destructive of respect for the processes of law and of democratic government. It is, of course, one of the standing grievances of Negro leadership in Southern cities and counties. There is general complaint over the scoffingly light penalties meted out to participants in all-Negro crimes of violence and the severer penalties so frequent in cases where a white person has been injured or involved.

As a possible means of getting at the whole problem, we proposed the selection of a Southwide Commission on Equal Penalties in Courts of Law. This, we thought, should be made up of a dozen or perhaps a few more people of considerable distinction in the South. Most of them should have some relationship to the law. Some should be white and some should be Negro. Our plan of procedure has been to select a Commission of that kind, invite the persons,

and get them to convene for a first meeting. Then they would be consulted as to what facts they would want laid before them and how they would want them obtained. Our own best thought on getting the facts would be to ask three, four, or five Southern law schools to be responsible for parceligg down to law students portions of the research required. It's a simple enough matter to run down the penalties imposed in rape cases, for instance. It has been done for Louisiana. I forget the figures, but, say, 264 Negroes have been executed for that crime since 1900 and four white persons, and of the four white persons three were in federal custody. When you get to lesser crimes, you get into real difficulty.

We think that selected law students could, over a period of a year or so, get the facts together for several Southern States and several cities and four or five counties. I suppose it would take some careful conferring with deans of law schools. But if that device worked out, it ought to be possible after a year or so to hand to the Commission a stack of published law reviews containing the facts. Then the Commission would be asked to review the facts and make its recommendations to the bench, the bar, and the public in the South as to correction of whatever unequal practices had been revealed.

We suppose that, within a comparatively few years' time, a good deal of change would result.

My friend in New York, Ed Lukas of the American Jewish Committee, got two small New York foundations each to put up a thousand dollars, on the condition that that sum would be matched from within the South. We have finally obtained the matching two thousand--a goodly portion of it from Negro citizens in Atlanta--and we are ready, therefore, to select and invite the Commission members to serve.

If you will give us advice on that, we will be very grateful indeed. And then there is the other problem we need advice on: what particular lesser crimes ought to be concentrated on?

The chairman of the Commission would be of great importance. Various people here have suggested Judge underwood. Others have spoken of Judge Parker in North Carolina, though I doubt that, as a sitting judge, he would be willing to serve.

Your advice as to a proper chairman would be most welcome.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:ec

September 22, 1953

Dr. Henry M. Bullock, Editor
Church School Publications
810 Broadway
Nashville 2, Tenn.

Dear Mr. Bullock:

Here is a pamphlet we have just got out. It could be used quite helpful in getting across the South, understanding of the issues involved in the forthcoming decision of the Supreme Court. We hope that it will be widely used by local discussion groups to that end.

Sorry not to have you on our Board, but we will hope that some day, that will be possible.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell,
Executive Director

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October 28, 1953

Mr U S Bond
Madison
A r k a n s a s

Dear Mr Bond:

We are delighted to have your kind agreement to serve on the Board of the Southern Regional Council.

It only means that you would have to consider once a year whether you can come to the Board meeting.

But our Board is not simply window-dressing. It is the basic policy body of the organization.

Sincerely yours

George S Mitchell
Executive Director

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cc: Ocie Lee Smith

October 28, 1953

Rt Reverend Charles Clingman
421 South Second Street
Louisville 2, Kentucky

My dear Bishop Clingman:

Mr Cary Robertson wrote me that you had very kindly agreed, in consequence of our letter of August 5, to come on the Board of the Council.

We are most grateful, particularly as you complete the number of our fifty-man Board. Enclosed is a list of those who will be the Board.

Sincerely yours

George S Mitchell
Executive Director

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enclosure - 1

October 28, 1953

Dr R O'Hara Lanier
Texas Southern University
Houston, Texas

Dear Dr Lanier:

The last membership meeting of the Council did themselves the honor of electing you to the Board of Directors.

The Board will be a total of fifty elected persons, plus six or seven officers and two people from our State organizations like the Texas Race Relations Commission.

You know all about us anyway and I won't burden you with much detail. I do send a list of most of those who have accepted membership on the Board. Four names to be added are Mr Ulysses S Bond of Madison, Arkansas; Mrs Tommie Stroud of Waco, Texas; Rt Reverend Charles Clingman, Bishop of Kentucky and Rt Reverend E A Penick, Bishop of North Carolina.

We count you our long-time friend in any case and greatly hope it is all right with you to be on the Board. The term for which you would serve would be two years ending in November, 1955.

If we have not got to you otherwise our two pamphlets on the schools question, I do hope you will find time to look through the enclosed. We are trying very hard to get them used by discussion groups throughout the South.

Sincerely yours,

George S Mitchell
Executive Director

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enclosures - 3

October 28, 1953

Mr Charles A Shaw
2602 Dowling Street
Houston, Texas

Dear Mr Shaw:

The last annual membership meeting of the Southern Regional Council had the task of choosing, to comply with new by-laws, an entirely new Board of Directors for the Council. This Board is to be fifty persons, plus the officers (most of those listed on the letterhead above), plus two persons from each of our affiliated State organizations. The new by-laws, when they come fully into effect, will make this body itself the Southern Regional Council, and it is to have affiliated with it what we hope can be at a later date much invigorated State organizations State organizations such as there in Texas the Texas Commission on Race Relations.

The membership did themselves the honor of electing you to the Board on nomination of a Committee which contained Mrs William S Hogue of Houston. I do hope it will be agreeable with you to accept this responsibility.

The Board meets only once a year and it is customary for us to pay the expenses of the Board members to the meeting.

I send along a nearly complete list of those who thus far have agreed to serve. The latest names among the acceptances are Mrs Tommie Stroud of Waco, Texas; Mr Ulysses S Bond of Madison, Arkansas; Rt Reverend E A Penick, Bishop of North Carolina and Rt Reverend Charles Clingman, Bishop of Kentucky.

I hope we have become well enough known in your circles so you understand what the Council is. I send you a 1951 statement of our purpose and plans; and I am sure some people within ready reach of you there in Houston could satisfy you as to what sort of organization the Council is. I send as some further evidence of our immediate concern the two enclosed pamphlets on the Courts and the Schools.

Mr Charles A Shaw
2602 Dowling Street
Houston, Texas

Two - October 28, 1953

We greatly hope that you can write us that it is all right with you to serve on our Board. The term for which you are elected would be for four years ending at the November meeting in 1957.

If you are not already a member of the Council, we would want you to join, but our $3.00 dues are no great burden.

Sincerely yours

George A Mitchell
Executive Director

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October 28, 1953

Mrs Tommie Stroud
3225 Maple Avenue
Waco, Texas

Dear Mrs Stroud:

We are most pleased to have you on the Board. You fill vacancy Number 47! I will let you know later, as lots are drawn, as to how long your term is to be. We hope it will be a long time.

Do help in any way you can in getting these two latest pamphlets into use by local discussion groups. So used they could do a lot in these particular weeks before the Court decides in getting people to understand. After the decision, partisanship will close minds.

Sincerely yours

George S Mitchell
Executive Director

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enclosures - 2

October 28, 1953

Mrs J Fount Tilman
Lewisburg,
Tennessee

Dear Mrs Tilman:

The last membership meeting of the Southern Regional Council adopted somewhat altered by-laws and let themselves in for choosing a new Board of Directors. The Board is to have fifty elected by the 1953 membership meeting and six or seven officers plus two people from each State Division or affiliated Committee. Then, when the new by-laws come into effect, this Board will be the Council itself. We hope we can tease out sufficient money from foundations to be able to launch, in these Southern states, a really vigorous race relations service, each State organization with its own Board and with staff in the payment of which the Council would assist.

You must know quite a lot about the Southern Regional Council in any case. But I send a 1951 statement of policy; and a copy of our most recent pamphlet as showing the careful effort we are making to get open-minded opinion in the South on the subject of the Courts and the Schools.

The membership meeting did themselves the honor of electing you as one of the Board members of the Southern Regional Council. I do hope you will be able to serve. The term would run for two years, until November, 1955. I enclose a list of those who have agreed thus far to come on, with two or three other names which could be added - Mrs Tommie Stroud of Waco, Texas; Mr U S Bond of Madison, Arkansas; Rt Reverend Charles Clingman, Bishop of Kentucky; and Rt Reverend E A Penick, Bishop of North Carolina.

You were the quite special choice of several of those on the nominating committee and I do hope you will be willing to help in this way. Physically it involves no more than coming, if you can, to an expenses-paid meeting once a year; but we place on the Board full policy direction of the program of the Southern Regional Council.

Sincerely yours

George S Mitchell
Executive Director

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November 6, 1953

Dr R E Clement
P r e s i d e n t
Atlanta University
A t l a n t a

Dear Mr Clement:

At the last meeting of the Executive Committee of the Southern Regional Council you were elected Chairman. You were the unanimous choice of those who were present and I do hope it is all right with you to serve in this capacity.

The members of the Executive Committee are:

Dr Harry V Richardson
Mrs C H Birnie
John A Griffin
Reverend Andrew Turnipseed
Paul R Christopher
Reverend Maurice Shean
Rufus E Clement.

I would welcome this official standing for a working relationship which I cherish in any case.

Sincerely yours

George S Mitchell
Executive Director

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December second, 1953

Mr Garland Pollard, Jr
S o m e r s
Virginia

Dear Garland:

Very nice indeed of you to write. We will miss you on the Board but the best work of most of our Board members is done on their own front porches and I hope sometime to give myself the pleasure of a long delayed visit to that spot. And I am sure we can always have your thoughtful counsel.

Mrs Turman is one of the stalwarts of all good movements in this city and we are grateful for her.

Sincerely yours

George S Mitchell
Executive Director

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December
third
1953

Dr R O'Hara Lanier
P r e s i d e n t
Texas Southern University
Houston, Texas

Dear Dr Lanier:

We are extremely grateful for your acceptance of membership on our Board. We need you and will use your friendship helpfully.

Sincerely yours

George S Mitchell
Executive Director

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SRC - BOARD OF DIRECTORS *
Membership

CROSS REFERENCE

Correspondence concerning Judge Waties Waring

in:

38 - W, Misc.
Waring, Judge Waties

also

5 - C, Misc.
Childs, Mrs. St. Julian

FORMER BOARD MEMBERS WHO HAVE RESIGNED

Mrs. Jessie Daniel Ames, 1949
Emily Clay, 1949
Donald Comer, 1950
Virginius Dabney, 1951
P. H. Easom, 1947
R. B. Herbert, 1947
James L. Robb, 1945
J. W. Seabrook, 1949
Frank W. Spencer, 1947
F. C. Wilcoxon, 1947
Aubrey Williams, 1950

PERSONS ELECTED TO THE BOARD WHO DID NOT ACCEPT

E. L. Abercrombie, Atlanta, Georgia, 1949
Barry Bingham, Louisville, Kentucky, 1945 and 1948
Jonathan Daniels, Raleigh, N. C., 1948
Mark Etheridge, Louisville, Kentucky, 1948
Gordon Gray, Chapel Hill, N. C., 1945
Watts Hill, North Carolina, 1945
Alexander Kline, Clarksdale, Mississippi, 1951
Archbishop R. M. Lucey, San Antonio, Texas, 1944
Jennings Perry, Nashville, Tennessee, 1946
Mrs. E. J. Rauschkolb, Little Rock, Arkansas, 1951
Webster Rhoads, Richmond, Virginia, 1950
A. Maceo Smith, Dallas, Texas, 1951
Lillian Smith, Clayton, Georgia, 1944
Edgar B. Stern, New Orleans, Louisiana, declined re-election in 1948
Louis Strauss
J. Waties Waring, New York City (formerly of Charleston, S. C.), 1948
Ed H. Weyler, Louisville, Kentucky, 1951
T. Wilson Wilmer, Richmond, Virginia, 1944

FORMER BOARD MEMBERS WHO HAVE MOVED OUT OF THE REGION

Horace M. Bond, 1945
Stanley Brav, 1948
Louis Burnham, 1949
Clark Foreman, 1949
Ira DeA. Reid, 1948
Ryland Knight
W. H. Marmion, 1950
Rev. V. J. O'Connell, 1952
Homer P. Rainey, 1947

PRESENT OFFICERS OF SRC

Marion A. Wright, president
Gordon B. Hancock, vice-president
Alfred Mynders, vice-president
Carter Wesley, vice-president
A. W. Dent, vice-president
Leonard Haas, counsel
George S. Mitchell, executive director

INCORPORATORS OF SRC

Rufus E. Clement
Ralph McGill, Atlanta Constitution
Bishop Arthur J. Moore
Charles S. Johnson
Howard W. Odum

PERSONS WHO HAVE RECENTLY BEEN SUGGESTED AS SUITABLE FOR BOARD MEMBERSHIP

Georgia

Blanton Fortson, retired federal judge at Athens. Notably strong in defense of popular rights.
Dr. W. A. Mason, Negro public health official, Atlanta.
Thomas W. Culpepper, head of Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters, Atlanta
J. McDowell Richards, president of Columbia Theological Seminary, Decatur

Mississippi

Bethany Swearingen
Mrs. Lillian Rogers Johnson

North Carolina

Don Shoemaker, editor, leading Asheville newspaper

South Carolina

E. C. Wall

Tennessee

Mrs. Moses Cantor, religious lay leader, Johnson City

HONORARY FELLOWS

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL

September 12, 1951

		Total	N
ALABAMA			
Dr. Charles Gomillion (N) Tuskegee Institute Tuskegee Institute	Mr. Ernest Neal (N) Tuskegee Institute Tuskegee Institute		
Mrs. Effie Morten Goode (N) 20 S. Hallett St. Mobile	Rev. Dan C. Whitsett (W) 105 E. Spring St. Sylacauga	6	4
ARKANSAS			
Mr. Paul Clanton (W) Box 778 Pine Bluff	Mr. Edward D. Robinson (N) Principal, Blevins Training School, Box 104 Blevins		
Dr. John R. Ewbank (W) Philander Smith College Little Rock	Dr. Stephen A. Stephan (W) Dept of Sociology University of Arkansas Fayetteville		
Dr. W. H. Pipes (N) 1110 Izard St. Little Rock	Miss Sadye Thompson (N) Little Rock Urban League 914 Gaines St. Little Rock	6	3
FLORIDA			
Mr. L. I. Alexander (N) 614 Broad St. Jacksonville	Mr. James A. Greene (N) Principal, Lewis Jr. H. S. Jacksonville		
	Mrs. E. P. Mulcahy (W) 1836 Naldo Avenue Jacksonville 7	4	3
GEORGIA			
Rev. Robert Ayers (W) 204 Leconte Hall University of Georgia Athens	Dr. Mozell C. Hill (N) Dept. of Sociology Atlanta University Atlanta		

GEORGIA

	Total	N	W
Mrs. Lyn Keyes (W) 411 S. 8th St. Griffin			
Mr. Alexander Miller (W) Anti-Defamation League 11 Pryor St., S. W. Atlanta			
Dr. John W. Morgan (W) Georgia State College for Women Milledgeville			
Mr. Robert A. Thompson (N) Atlanta Urban League 239 Auburn Ave., N. E. Atlanta			
Mr. Harry B. Williams (W) Board of Control for Southern Regional Education 830 W. Peachtree, N. W. Atlanta			
Mr. Leo J. Zuber (W) 2794 N. Decatur Rd. Decatur	8	2	6

KENTUCKY

Mr. Norman Fenn (W) Box 584 Berea College Berea			
Mr. Harold S. Smith (N) Kentucky State College Frankfort			
Mr. E. W. Whiteside (N) Principal, Lincoln High Paducah			
Mr. G. D. Wilson (N) Louisville Municipal College 3344 Grand Ave. Louisville	4	3	1

LOUISIANA

Miss Mary B. Allen (W) 6926 Willow St. New Orleans			
Dr. Leander L. Boykin (W) Box 9390 Southern Univ., Southern P. O. Baton Rouge			
Rev. Jerome A. Drolet (W) St. Charles Church RFD 236 Thibodeaux			
Rev. Joseph H. Fichter, S. J. (W) Dept. of Sociology Loyola University of the South New Orleans			
Dr. Clarence E. Glick (W) Tulane University New Orleans 15			
Rev. Henry W. Havens, Jr. (W) Trinity Church 1329 Jackson Ave. New Orleans			
Dean Aguinaldo Lenoir (N) Southern Univ., Southern P. O. Baton Rouge	7	1	6

MISSISSIPPI

	Total	N	W
Dr. Dorothy Dickins (W) Miss. Agricultural Experiment Station State College			
Miss Arenia Mallory (N) Saints Industrial and Literary School Lexington			
Dr. P. W. Hill (N) P. O. Box 547 Clarksdale			
Dr. V. L. Wharton (W) Hillsaps College Jackson	4	2	2

NORTH CAROLINA

Dr. William H. Brown (N) North Carolina College Durham			
Mr. Howard Kester (W) Campbell Folk School Brasstown			
Mr. S. E. Duncan (N) State Dept. of Public Instruction Raleigh			
Mr. John R. Larkins (N) Consultant on Negro Work N. C. State Board of Charities and Public Welfare Raleigh			
Miss Eva L. Frazer (N) 121 E. South Street Raleigh			
Dr. Gordon Lovejoy (W) 2815 Bedford Ave. Raleigh			
Mr. Cyrus M. Johnson Bunn			
Mr. Asa T. Spaulding (N) North Carolina Life Insurance Durham			
Mr. R. E. Jones (N) A & T College Box 68 Greensboro			
Mr. George Stephens (W) 48 Walnut Street Asheville	10	6	4

OKLAHOMA

Dr. Paul B. Foreman (W) Dept. of Sociology Oklahoma A & M College Stillwater			
Mrs. Cenoria D. Johnson (N) Oklahoma City Urban League 300 Siles Street Oklahoma City			
Mr. Jimmy Stewert (N) 627 N. E. 6th Street Oklahoma City	3	2	1

SOUTH CAROLINA

	Total	N	W
Mrs. Jessie N. Boyd (W) 442 Union St. Spartanburg			
Miss Cassandra Maxwell Birnie (N) 721 Russell St., N. E. Orangeburg			
Mr. Arthur Clement (N) N. C. Mutual Life Ins. Co. Station A, Box 36			
Mr. Howard C. McClain (W) 116 S. Saluda St. Columbia			
Dr. Dorothy Jones (W) Dept. of Sociology Box 42, Winthrop College Rock Hill			
Mr. John F. Potts (N) Director, Avery Institute Charleston			
Mr. Paul Webber (N) S. C. State College Orangeburg	7	4	3

TENNESSEE

	Total	N	W
Mr. J. H. Daves (N) TVA 404 Commercial National Bank Building Knoxville			
Mrs. Lettie S. Galloway (N) 18th Avenue Community Center 1621 - 18th Avenue Nashville 8			
Dr. Merle Eppse (N) Tennessee A & T College Nashville			
Miss Josephine Hamilton (W) Church Hill			
Mr. Abbott L. Ferris (W) Box 1164 Vanderbilt University Nashville			
Mr. George F. Hull (W) Photographer, Chattanooga Times Chattanooga			
Dr. Harold West (N) Meharry Medical College Nashville	7	4	3

TEXAS

	Total	N	W
Mrs. Pauline Watkins Campbell (N) Box 242 Huntsville			
Mr. Jewel Tatum (N) Mary Allen College Crockett			
Dr. R. C. Koeninger (W) Dept. of Sociology Sam Houston State Teachers Huntsville			
Mr. Jackson Valtair (W) 5201 Belmont Street Dallas			
Dr. E. B. Perry (N) Rm. 223-224, Pilgrim Building Houston 3			
Dr. C. R. Yerwood (N) 1115 Twelfth Street State Dept. of Health Austin	6	4	2

VIRGINIA	Total	N	W
Mr. W. Barton Beatty, Jr. (N) Director of Public Relations Hampton Institute Hampton			
Mr. Harold DeWitt (N) Industrial Secty., Urban League 902 St. James Street Richmond			
Mrs. Nathan Lantor (W) Box 528 South Boston			
Mr. Roscoe E. Lewis (N) Hampton Institute Hampton			
Mr. Henry Liscio (W) 811 Cathedral Place Richmond			
Mr. Harry W. Roberts (N) Virginia State College Petersburg	6	4	2

OTHER STATES			
Mr. William Y. Bell, Jr. (N) c/o N. Y. Ethical Culture Society 2 West 64th Street New York, New York			
Dr. John Hope Franklin (N) Howard University Washington, D. C.			
Dr. Ruth T. Brett (N) c/o AF SC 20 S. 12th St. Philadelphia, Pennsylvania			
Dr. Flemmie Kittrell (N) Home Economics Dept. Howard University Washington, D. C.			
Mr. Allyn F. Robinson (W) Suite 1501, 381 4th Avenue New York 16, New York			
Mr. Harry W. Wright (N) Apt. 5 E New York, New York			
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November 5, 1951.

VIRGINIUS DABNEY
EDITOR

TELEPHONE 7-1851

Miss Katherine Stoney,
Acting Secretary-Treasurer,
Southern Regional Council, Inc.,
63 Auburn Avenue, N.E.
Atlanta, 3, Georgia.

Dear Miss Stoney:

I regret that I have a speaking engagement in New York on December 7th, and another at Hampden-Sydney on December 13th, so I do not see any possible way of getting to Atlanta for the board meeting on December 11th. I regret very much that something always seems to prevent my attendance.

Sincerely yours,

Virginius Dabney

Virginius Dabney.

ARTHUR J. MOORE
BISHOP
THE METHODIST CHURCH
WESLEY MEMORIAL BUILDING
63 AUBURN AVENUE, N. E.
ATLANTA 3, GEORGIA

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Miss Katherine Stoney
Southern Regional Council
63 Aubern Ave.
Atlanta, Ga.

My dear Miss Stoney:

I have received the announcement of the Southern Regional Council on December 12th. I sincerely regret that an important engagement of long standing in South Georgia calls me out of the city for that day.

Please render that excuse.

Sincerely yours,

Arthur J. Moore

Arthur J. Moore

AJM/kg.

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL

Minutes of the Membership Meeting

December 13, ~~1952~~ 1951

The annual membership meeting of the Southern Regional Council was held in the Exhibition Room of the Atlanta University Library, Atlanta, Georgia, at 10:00 a. m., Thursday, December 13, 1951. ~~The president, Mr.~~ Paul Williams, presided. Rabbi ~~Charles~~ Mantinband gave the invocation. Dr. ~~Rufus~~ Clement extended welcome to the group on behalf of Atlanta University.

The following members were present:

~~The following staff members were present:~~

On motion, it was voted to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the last meeting.

SECRETARY-TREASURER'S REPORT

The secretary-treasurer, Katherine Stoney, gave the attached report. She pointed out that the Council had ended the year 1951 in better financial condition than the previous year.

On membership, a total of 1,836 paid-up, full members was reported, in addition to which the Council had 202 associate members and several hundred NEW SOUTH subscribers. Membership figures were down, as many who had not paid dues since 1949 had been dropped during 1951.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

~~NEW SOUTH~~ The year's projects

The Executive Director, George Mitchell, ~~stated~~ described first the ~~subjects~~ main topics discussed in NEW SOUTH during the year:

~~(1)~~ 1. Enlarging democratic processes in government in the South. This included enlarging the electorate and getting more Negroes elected and appointed to public offices.

~~(2)~~ 2. Safety of the person. Dr. Mitchell pointed out ~~that there had been~~

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the decline of lynching and its transposition into police violence against arrested persons.

3. Negro police. Their number is increasing, and there is a good deal of evidence that they are systematically arresting white lawbreakers.

4. Fellowship of the Concerned. Mrs. Tilly had undertaken this year, instead of convening a Southwide meeting in Atlanta, to travel from State to State and reach as many of our local leaders as possible.

5. Getting people to understand the legal aspects of segregation, by various articles printed in NEW SOUTH.

6. Housing, from the 1950 census. In the last ten years the poorer parts of the white South have been rehoused, but the Negroes haven't. If the Korean War had not come along, we would be well along toward solving this problem.

7. What is actually happening on the land in the South? We don't know much about this, but an article printed in NEW SOUTH throws some light on the subject.

Self-Surveys

On the home town self-surveys, the manual issued in April had been very well received, but the staff continued to regret the slow pace at which cities and towns were taking up the idea of the survey. But when a town does do it, it is transformed. The completed survey at Dallas and the survey now under way at Shreveport were described.

State Divisions

On the work of the State Divisions and affiliated interracial organizations, it was pointed out that of the old State Interracial Committees, all but three (Georgia, Virginia, and Texas) had now become State Divisions of the Council. Virginia and Georgia are the only ones of the State Divisions or State interracial organizations having paid executive personnel. It was suggested that the next broad advance in the interracial movement in the South is to provide paid personnel for each of the State organizations.

Projects for Next Year

As proposals for projects for the coming year, the following were described:

1. A pamphlet on farm land tenure reform. For some time this has been in preparation, under a grant as yet only partially paid by the National Sharecroppers Fund.

2. A manual on how police ought to behave in the South. Addressed to citizens, it urges them to concern themselves with police administration in their communities, to appraise it and improve it. The pamphlet should be out early next year. We will want members of the Council and of the Fellowship of the Concerned to take the pamphlet, in local committees, to the chiefs of police in their communities and try to get some action.

3. Need in the South for accurate figures on schools--differential in Negro and white schools. If the money were available, we could do this.

4. Commission on Equal Penalties. Last summer we received a memorandum giving reactions in the European press to the Willie McGee execution. Friends in New York had written asking Dr. Mitchell what the SRC was going to do about such things. This was the beginning of the idea of a Commission on Equal Penalties. There are two related problems: (1) the penalty in rape cases--flaring and dramatic, very unequal by race; (2) the accepted, age-old practice in the South of awarding differential penalties by race for lesser crimes. This perpetuates a stereotype of the Negro buffoon. Dr. Mitchell expressed the opinion that the South could, in four of five years' time, be persuaded to start awarding equal justice in the courts. We would start it by convening . . . . . etc. [You said this section on Equal Penalties was okay.]

5. Strengthening State Divisions. In order to set up strong State Divisions, we need a large sum of money, extending over a minimum of five years. To do this, we need $1,400,000. Under those circumstances, the Atlanta office would cease to be a single-membership organization. People would be members of State Divisions only. The central office in Atlanta would tie together the activities of these

various State organizations. They could recruit more members from within their own States than we can from Atlanta.

SRC's Future in the Absence of a Large Grant

Dr. Mitchell pointed out that we had in sight for next year a little less than $20,000, and would need $40,000 to run the Council even on its present inadequate basis. Every month we will be $2,000 short. It is now time to say that either the Council has got to be put in a position really to do its job, or we ought to contemplate doing without it.

REPORT ON FELLOWSHIP OF THE CONCERNED

At this point, President Williams called on Mrs. Tilly to describe at greater length the Fellowship of the Concerned, particularly in connection with the courts.

REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF INFORMATION

The director of information, Harold Fleming, reported on the publicity received by the Council during the year.

INTRODUCTION OF STAFF MEMBERS

Dr. Mitchell introduced the following new staff members: Anna Holden, research assistant; Adella Shields, membership secretary; Katherine Stoney, secretary-treasurer; Emily Calhoun, secretary to the executive director.

STATEMENT ON POLICY AND PROGRAM

Mr. Williams pointed out that at the last annual membership meeting it was voted that a committee should be set up to draft a statement on policy and program. Mr. Williams called on Dr. Dent to report from that committee. Dr. Dent. on behalf of the committee, read the attached statement. [~~KS note that the statement must be typed in the body of the official minutes~~]

Mr. Williams then called upon Dr. Hancock for comment, and after further discussion, the statement was, on motion, adopted.

Father Twomey undertook to contribute toward the cost of publishing the statement in a separate brochure.

DISCUSSION ON WHETHER PRESS SHOULD BE PRESENT

Mrs. Davidson, as a newspaper woman, regretted the absence of the press at so important a meeting. Mr. Fleming pointed out that arrangements made for press notice of the statement were likely to get it very wide distribution, but Mrs. Davidson still wished that the general press had been present.

MR. WILLIAMS' RESIGNATION AS PRESIDENT

Mr. Williams then announced that he had asked the nominating committee not to consider him for president for the following year. He stated that he would be with the organization in spirit and would do anything he could to further its aims, but that he had accepted the presidency somewhat in the spirit of an emergency and had remained in office for six years, and now thought it time for other hands to take over the leadership of the Council.

Rabbi Mantinband praised Mr. Williams for his fine leadership, and requested that Mr. Williams' address be separately printed by the Council.

Dr. Dent moved that the members present record their deep and sincere appreciation of the fine work Mr. Williams had done for the last six years, and this was voted.

DR. PARRISH'S REPORT

After the luncheon interval, Dr. Parrish, of the University of Louisville, reported on the integration of Louisville Municipal College with the University of Louisville, giving especial attention to the effect the merger had had on the Negro professors.

He also pointed out how non-discriminatory practices had had an effect upon the community, opening more public facilities and more jobs to Negroes.

CHANGES IN THE STRUCTURE OF THE COUNCIL

The following resolution was then distributed by the executive director, who called for a discussion of possible changes in the structure of the Council: . . . . .

After considerable discussion, Dr. Dent gave it as his view that if large funds came to the Council, it would be highly desirable for the Council to have a slightly different structure, and moved the adoption of the resolution. The motion was amended so that the wording at the end of the second paragraph would be changed to read: "When and if submitted by mail to the current membership of the Council, and a majority of the members voting express approval." The motion and the amendment were carried.

REPORT OF THE RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

Mr. Wright, on behalf of the Resolutions Committee, offered a resolution expressing gratitude for the kindness and hospitality of Atlanta University in providing facilities for the meeting.

NEXT YEAR'S BUDGET

Miss Stoney presented a proposed budget for 1952.

After a discussion by Miss Mason and others, revealing again the shortfall of $20,000 to $24,000 for the coming year, the meeting authorized the Executive Committee to continue the Council on a month-to-month basis, within the discretion of the Executive Committee.

ELECTION OF BOARD MEMBERS

Mr. Arthur Levin, on behalf of the Committee to Nominate Members of the Board of Directors, pointed out that the Board was authorized to have as many as 72 members, that it had ~~and it numbers~~ 53 at present, and that there were a number of members whose terms of office on the Board were up. Mr. Levin read the names of members whose terms had expired and who were eligible for reelection, as follows: Mr. J. M. Dabbs, Mr. Paul Christopher, Mrs. W. H. Ratliff;

and of those members whose terms of office had expired and who were not eligible for reelection, as follows: Mr. C. H. Gillman, Mrs. Grace T. Hamilton, Rev. T. J. McNamara, Bishop Arthur J. Moore, Dr. A. W. Dent, Mr. John H. Wheeler, Mr. Wilson M. Brown, Dr. Gordon B. Hancock.

He added that the whole committee had been polled by mail and they had all suggested names for the Board.

He then read the list of names recommended by the committee.

Dr. Mitchell suggested that the job of allocating terms of years to these people be given to the Executive Committee. With this understanding, the nominations were accepted, and the secretary was authorized to cast a ballot electing them to membership on the Board.

ADJOURNMENT

After a call had been issued for a meeting of the Board of Directors immediately after the membership meeting, the annual membership meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Katherine Stoney
Secretary-Treasurer

Note: The follow allocation of Terms was ~~approved~~ by ~~The Executive Committee~~ made:

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APR 21
Southern Regional Council

April 18, 1953

Mr. George S. Mitchell, Executive Director
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
63 Auburn Avenue, N. E., Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Mr. Mitchell:

I would genuinely like to be present at the meeting scheduled for May 13th in Atlanta but I am already pledged to attend a meeting of the Board of Directors of the National Association of Manufacturers in New York on that date. I had to miss their Boca Raton meeting in February and their New York meeting on April 17, so I must be at this one.

Actually, I have 'too many irons in too many fires' I fear and getting rid of any irons or any fires is not a simple or easy task.

Did you see the Hodding Carter article in the N. Y. TIMES magazine section of April 5th (L believe it was). It was a very fine evaluation of the racial question in the South as of today. I sent my copy to Philip Hammer, Executive Officer, the NPA Committee of the South, of which I am chairman, Phil is located at 809 Glenn Building, Atlanta 3.

Cordially yours,

E.W. Palmer

E.W. Palmer, President

April 27, 1953

Dr. O. D. Duncan
Department of Sociology and Rural Life
Oklahoma A. & M. College
Stillwater, Okla.

Dear Dr. Duncan:

Dr. Mitchell has asked me to reply to your letter of April 21 as he will be out of the office for several days.

We are delighted that you are planning to come to the Board meeting and Annual meeting and even more delighted that the Council is in position this year to pay expenses for the members.

Having had, in a former job, some experience with travel between Atlanta and Oklahoma City, I know that the route via Memphis is the best. I do not know the schedule from Memphis to Oklahoma City but can tell you that there is a train which leaves Atlanta at 4:45 p.m. and arrives in Memphis at 6:30 a.m. This train carries Pullman. I should think that you could easily get to the train after the membership meeting on May 14th. You will know about the schedule coming this way.

A number of the Board members will be staying at the Piedmont Hotel so I have made a reservation for you there beginning on the evening of May 12. However, if you would prefer to stay at some other hotel, we will change the reservation for you.

We shall certainly look forward to having you with us for the meetings. Please let me know if I can be of assistance in any way.

Sincerely yours,

Katherine Stoney,
Secretary-Treasurer

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Oklahoma
Agricultural and Mechanical College
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY AND RURAL LIFE
STILLWATER

April 21, 1953

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APR 23
Southern Regional Council

Mr. George S. Mitchell
Southern Regional Council
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Mitchell:

For once, I am thinking of trying to make the meeting on May 13, if I can get suitable arrangements made. As you know, it is a long trip for me, and my expenses will be pretty heavy upon the shoulders of the Council, and they are too much for one to bear individually.

If I can figure it out so that I can get a train out of Atlanta in time to catch an early morning train from Memphis to Oklahoma City, it just might be that I will make it. I think I will have no trouble in reaching Atlanta in the evening before the meeting on May 13, and to stay over for the membership meeting would require my spending two nights in Atlanta. I can arrange my transportation so that I will be on the Pullmans only at night. In fact, I like the chair cars better in the day time. I do not fly. My time is not worth that much to anyone else, and it is not worth the fright to me.

The nearest route, unfortunately, is one that makes it impractical to use the Pullmans, since transfers would be necessary around 2:00, a. m. at Springfield, Missouri.

If you think it worth the expense to the Council, I will check with the railroads and let you know my decision as soon as it can be reached. I would like to attend one of these meetings at some time during my tenure, but I have always held off because of the time and the expense.

There is one thing which I forgot to mention. Your letter says nothing about where one should stay. Does the Council have any preference as to hotels, or does it leave this to the individuals?

Sincerely yours,

O. D. Duncan

O. D. Duncan.

KS every time to come, + KS
stand to hotel, etc.

April 27, 1953

Miss Florence Sytz
School of Social Work
Tulane University
New Orleans, La.

Dear Miss Sytz:

Dr. Mitchell has asked me to reply to your letter of April 24th.

We are delighted that you can come for both the Board Meeting on May 13th and the Membership meeting next day. It would probably be possible for you to stay at Atlanta University, but because their space for visitors is limited and it will be, we hope, needed to take care of the Negro members of our Board and membership, I have made a reservation for you at the Piedmont Hotel where several other Board Members will be staying. I have told them that you will arrive at 7:50 Wednesday morning so that they can have a room ready for you then. If for ay reason you would prefer to stay at some other plce, let me know and I'll make the change.

We are looking forward to seeing you on May 13th.

Sincerely yours,

Katherine Stoney,
Secretary-Treasurer

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THE TULANE UNIVERSITY OF LOUISIANA
NEW ORLEANS

SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK

April 24, 1953

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APR 27
Southern Regional Council

Mr. George S. Mitchell
Executive Director
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
63 Auburn Avenue, N.E. - Room 432
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Mr. Mitchell:

As you already know from the post card I returned, I will attend the Board meeting on May 13th and plan to stay over for the membership meeting the next day.

I will arrive in Atlanta at 7:50 a.m., Wednesday, May 13th and plan to leave there Thursday evening at 7:15 p.m. Is it possible for me to stay in the dormitory at Atlanta University, or if not will you make a hotel reservation for me?

Sincerely yours,

Florence Sytz

Florence Sytz
Professor of Social Casework

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April 27, 1953

Mrs. W. C. White
Eau Gallie, Florida

Dear Mrs. White:

Dr. Mitchell has asked me to reply to your letter of April 22.

It will be quite proper for you to represent the Florida Division at the Board meeting - the Council's By-laws say something about the representative bringing to the meeting a written proxy from the person he represents "in writing, subscribed by the member, and dated" but Dr. Mitchell has had a letter from Mr. Dunlap indicating that he has asked you to represent him and so says you are to come on without any other "proof".

I know that if you have another meeting in Florida this trip will be hard for you but I do hope that you will come. The response from the members has been excellent indicating a good attendance. We need you to make the group complete.

I will be glad to arrange a hotel reservation for you if you wish. Let me know if you have any preference - a number of the folks are to be at the Piedmont. And remember that this time we can pay expenses.

We shall look for you on May 13th.

Best wishes,

Sincerely,

Katherine Stoney,
Secretary-Treasurer

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APR 24
Southern Regional Council

Southern Regional Council, Inc.
63 AUBURN AVENUE, N. E. ATLANTA 3, GEORGIA
FLORIDA DIVISION

April 22, 1953

George S. Mitchell
Southern Regional Council
63 Auburn Ave., N.E.
Atlanta, Ga.

$5.00
K.S.

Dear Mr. Mitchell:

Enclosed find Davisson Dunlap's check for membership dues which he sent to me by mistake. Also he has asked that I attend your Board of Director's meeting on the 13th in his place. Quote:- "Unfortunately I have court proceedings in Orlando on May 12-14, and thus will be unable to attend the meeting of the S.R.C. Board of Directors on Wednesday, May 13, at 10:00 A.M. Mr. Solomon and I discussed the meeting and have decided that you would be a very able representative at that meeting. Accordingly, I am enclosing the card sent to me by Mr. Mitchell which I would like you to sign and return to him in the event you are able to make the meeting. I am writing Mr. Mitchell about these matters so he can have a complete picture."

This would suit me since I have another annual meeting in Florida immediately following. However I could make it but wondered if a director were allowed to have some represent him.

K.S. write Davis OK!
quote by laws or
broker. full time
law firm or company
not all may

Cordially,
Mrs. G. White
(Mrs. Wm. C.)
Sec.-Treas for Fla.

Mrs. William H. Hogue
5319 Cherokee St., Houston 5, Texas

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APR 29

April 28, 1953

Dear Dr. Mitchell.

The Nominating Committee information is at hand (literally!) and as you requested. I am preparing a list also.

Unless I hear from you that the budget can not carry the expenses of the Committee, — and I well understand that you may have to change your mind — I shall leave with Margaret Cate in time for the meeting the afternoon of the 13th having emergencies.

Mrs. William H. Hogue

5319 Cherokee St., Houston 5, Texas

It was very thoughtful of you to send the Sets the Belmont telegram in time for this Sunday ceremony. For all of us it was a memorable and deeply treasured experience.

With every good wish and keen anticipation.

Sincerely,

Nina Hogue

April 30, 1953

Mrs. Milton P. Adler
New Orleans Committee on Race Relations
61 Versailles Blvd.
New Orleans, La.

Dear Mrs. Adler:

Your letter came in April 21, and I have been away ever since then, which is why I am so slow in answering.

The truth is that we have never altered constitutional matters so as to make room in Louisiana for a Board member's vote by the head or acting head of SRC and the head of the New Orleans Committee. But this good Council, as a private outfit, is, I believe, free of too much respect for machinery. We earnestly need you at the meetings May 13 and 14 and regard you as in all ways equivalent to a Board member. So please do come for the two days, and we will cover your expenses for the trip.

The Board convenes Wednesday, May 13, in the Board Room of Atlanta University, 223 Chestnut Street, S. W., Atlanta. It will meet all morning, adjourn for a cafeteria lunch at Spelman College near-by, and return for an hour or two in the afternoon.

The membership meeting comes the next day, Thursday, May 14, at Dean Sage Hall at Atlanta University. It goes on all morning, adjourns for lunch at the Graduate Dormitory at Atlanta University, and finishes up somewhere around four or five p.m. that day.

We will be glad to make hotel reservations for you here in Atlanta if you will let us know that you want one. We have a block of rooms available at the Piedmont.

I do hope that by the time of the meeting the New Orleans Committee can have decided what it will do about having somebody con up on schools who will be available as a correspondent for us and as a helper of various good movements thereabouts as the school situation unfolds.

We would like to have your New Orleans person up here (again at our expense) if you have somebody, to report with the others briefly on how the situation looks.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:ec

May 1, 1953

Rev. C. Emerson Smith, Director
Department of Christian Social Relations
Virginia Council of Churches
109 W. Grace St., Rm. 202
Richmond 20, Va.

Dear Emerson:

So glad to have your letter of April 28 and to know that the responsibility on the school matter is centered on Mr. Brooke and the committee. Quite all right to send us an expense account for one, or even two, meetings of the committee, and we will be hoping that the committee will fix responsibility on some single person who would thereafter send in his monthly expenses to us.

I hope that whatever is done is done in the closest association with you and the Virginia Council of Churches.

I thought I could see in the meeting the other day the possibility of your constructing in Virginia a committee on schools which would, by bringing in both Jewish and Catholic people, cure the old oddity. Thus, you might have a policy committee inclusive of all groups, which would direct the work of a special person, steadily building up his knowledge of schools. He would advise them, and they would do whatever public pronouncing were needed. Anyhow, do what seems reasonable and best in Virginia, and I will do my best to fit into what works with you.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

P.S. I'm sending a copy of this to Mr. Brooke so as to inform him of these delicacies.

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SPELMAN COLLEGE
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
ATLANTA, GEORGIA

May 2, 1953

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MAY 4

Dr. George S. Mitchell
Southern Regional Council
63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Dr. Mitchell:

In reply to your inquiry through Mrs. Stoney, we shall be glad to accommodate you and the Southern Regional Council by serving luncheon on Wednesday, May 13th, to the men and women attending your meeting. We understand that there will be about forty. The charge for lunch will be $1.00.

Sincerely yours,

Florence M. Read

FMR/t

REV. W. CARROLL BROOKE
POST OFFICE BOX 208
STAUNTON, VIRGINIA

May 4, 1953

RECEIVED
MAY 8
Southern Regional Council

Dr. George S. Mitchell, Executive Director
Southern Regional Council Incorporated
Room 432
63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Dr. Mitchell:

Thank you for your letter of May first.

I expect to arrive on the Southern at 6:30 A.M. on Wednesday, May thirteenth. If you will be so kind as to reserve me a room at the Piedmont Hotel, it will be a help.

I am not able to inform you that we will have another person to represent the special committee appointed to guide in the school matters. I am hopeful that we will have a good meeting on the 7th, though I have heard nothing from Emerson yet.

With kindest regards to you, I am

Faithfully yours,

W. Carroll Brooke

Mr. Brooke was called out before signing.

Reservation made 5/8/53
card sent

PAUL D. WILLIAMS, RICHMOND
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CARTER WESLEY, HOUSTON
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DIRECTOR OF INFORMATION

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Southern Regional Council, Inc.

ROOM 432, 63 AUBURN AVENUE, N. E. ATLANTA 3, GEORGIA

A Council to attain, through research and action, the ideals and practices of equal opportunity for all peoples in the South.

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MAY 8
Southern Regional Council

808 Starks Building
Louisville, Kentucky
May 4, 1953

Mr. George S. Mitchell, Executive Director
Southern Regional Council
63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta 3
Georgia

Dear Mr. Mitchell:

With reference to the announcement of the meeting of the Southern Regional Council Board of Directors scheduled for May 13th, this is to inform you that Mr. Tydings will not be present.

He is on leave of absence for three months to work with Moral Re-Armament friends in Africa for racial unity. He arrived in Lagos, Nigeria, the first week in April and will be back in Louisville early in July. If there are any notes available from the May 13th and 14th meetings I would appreciate a copy so this information would be in our files for Mr. Tydings when he returns.

Yours very truly,

Cynthia W. Rush

Mrs. George L. Rush
Secretary-Treasurer

Same letter to all members of nominating committee

May 6, 1953

Rev. Edward G. Mackay
Box 151
Oxford, Ga.

Dear Dr. MacKay:

The nominating committee is asked to meet at the offices of the Southern Regional Council, 63 Auburn Avenue, N.E., Atlanta, at 3:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 13.

Please bring the list of people whom you would like to see put on to the Board.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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MRS. MILTON P. ADLER
61 VERSAILLES BOULEVARD
NEW ORLEANS 18, LOUISIANA

RECEIVED
MAY 6
Southern Regional Council

Mr. George Mitchell
63 Auburn Ave. NE
Atlanta, Georgia.

Dear Mr. Mitchell,

Thank you for your letter of April 30. I thought perhaps you were out of the city when I didn't hear from you earlier.

I wrote to Miss Willett and asked her to make a reservation for me at a hotel and she turned the matter over to Grace LaForrest. I have been notified that I have a room at the Piedmont Hotel for the night of May 13. I do not know whether that is from the block of rooms reserved by the Southern Regional Council, but as long as I am taken care of, that is the main thing.

I will have to leave on Thursday afternoon but from the schedule you sent, I think the meetings will be over by the time my train departs.

Miss Sytz, from Tulane, is also coming to the meetings, I understand.

I do hope that I shall have some little time to talk with you and Miss Stoney while I am there.

Will do my best to come up with someone for the school set-up. I'm not sure that I will have an answer by the time I arrive, but am working on it.

Sincerely
Elizabeth T. Adler
Mrs. Milton P. Adler

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL

Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting

May 13, 1953

A meeting of the Board of Directors of the Southern Regional Council was held at Atlanta University, Harkness Hall, 223 Chestnut Street, S.W., Atlanta, Georgia, at 10:00 a.m., Wednesday, May 13, 1953. President Marion A. Wright presided. Rabbi Charles Mantinband gave the invocation.

The following members were present:

Marion A. Wright
Florence Sytz
Mrs. Alice N. Spearman
Mrs. James S. Crate
John Long
O. D. Duncan
Rabbi Charles Mantinband
A. T. Butler
Guy B. Johnson
Leonard Haas
Gordon B. Hancock
Benjamin E. Mays
C. H. Parrish
James M. Dabbs
Glenn Rainey
A. W. Dent
F. D. Patterson
Forrester B. Washington
Rev. W. Carroll Brooke
Mrs. Milton P. Adler (with proxy for Rev. L. J. Twomey)
Mrs. W. C. White (with proxy for Davisson Dunlap)
Mrs. Charles Robeson (with proxy for Mrs. E. U. Robinson)
Rufus E. Clement
Paul D. Williams
Paul R. Christopher
Herbert M. Davidson

The following staff members were present:

George S. Mitchell
Harold C. Fleming
Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Katherine Stoney
Emily Calhoun

The following visitors were present:

Mrs. Herbert M. Davidson
Mrs. W. H. Hogue
Gadsden Shand
Rebecca Reid
Mrs. R. L. Turman

Katherine Stoney gave a summary of the minutes of the last Board meeting, held December 12, 1951. On motion, it was voted to approve the summary as read.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Mr. Haas read the attached report from the Executive Committee to the Board of Directors. The report was accepted as read.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Dr. Mitchell reviewed the principal topics covered by New South since the last meeting of the Board and described particular issues which had had unusually wide effectiveness. He mentioned also the work of the Council in getting up material for a wide variety of articles, speeches, and some books

done by other persons on Southern matters, and touched upon the speech-making activities of members of the Council's own staff.

He reviewed the principal sources of funds in the intervening period since the Board had met and listed the programs proposed to be followed in the event that the Council is enabled to put paid personnel into each of the Southern States. These items included a follow-through on Race in the News, with the many newspapers not yet influenced by the new doctrines; the development of one or two home town self-surveys in each State each year; widening the franchise; extending economic opportunity; exploring the possibilities of getting human relations taught in the schools; and working for full compliance with whatever may be the decision of the Supreme Court in the school cases.

He reported that for the Commission on Equal Penalties, well over $2,000 was already in hand and it was hoped that the remaining pledge of a thousand dollars could be matched in a short time and this project launched. He described in detail the status of the request to the Fund for the Republic for a major grant.

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY-TREASURER

Katherine Stoney distributed the attached financial report, showing the financial condition of the Council for 1952 and the first four months of 1953. It was pointed out that during the first four months of 1953 the Council was able to pay all debts for 1952 and all 1953 debts up to May 1, and have $13,532 in the general budget. She called the attention of Board members to various grants received for special projects--the Fellowship of the Concerned, the Commission on Equal Penalties, and New South.

The following budget was presented for the remainder of 1953:

Proposed Budget for Period May 1 through December 31, 1953

Salaries	$ 19,999.84
Social Security	200.00
Special salaries	700.00
Rent	840.00
Travel	2,000.00
Office supplies	700.00
Postage	400.00
Telephone & telegraph	700.00
Books & subscriptions	60.00
Georgia sales tax	8.00
Bank exchange	4.00
State school volunteers (expenses)	1,800.00
Printing	400.00
Board & membership meeting	1,000.00
Miscellaneous	100.00
	$ 28,911.84

MEMBERSHIP & FUND-RAISING

In discussion, various members urged that more attention be given to increasing the Council's membership, which Miss Stoney had listed as 1,810 paid full members and 240 paid associate members. Suggestions included the use of advertisements in church publications, a campaign by present members and Board members, and guest subscriptions to New South by present members to their friends.

The executive director thought that the most effective way to build membership would be to have paid personnel in each State. He spoke of the difficulty of reaching from a single office in Atlanta to remote States and attempting to enlist real cooperation in a program which needed to be described personally in order to be fully understood. It was true, he said, in the days when the Council had been able to afford a membership secretary and had circularized long lists of people, that it had been possible to keep the curve of membership going up, but this had always been an expensive operation, and he doubted whether resumption of it would return the cost involved. Mitchell said also that in his view, the key to our membership problem was that we didn't offer enough action programs to people out in the States.

Mr. Haas urged that a larger share of the money-raising job be taken from the executive director and put into the hands of a finance committee.

Mrs. Spearman felt that the Council could do more to assist citizens and voluntary groups in the various States in obtaining material, discussion outlines, and speakers for the various programs being conducted locally along the general line of the Council's work.

Dr. Patterson suggested that each Board member should bring in from three to five new members during the coming few months. Others suggested that the work of the finance committee might be combined with membership recruitment.

On Mrs. Spearman's point, Dr. Mitchell's view was that the Council had been serving a useful purpose as a central organization, but that the time had come now to decentralize to vigorous State action.

Mrs. White pointed out that the serving of dues notices from the Atlanta office was, in her experience, less successful than the doing of this work by people within each State. Staff persons commented that nothing in the procedures of the Council required the collection of dues centrally, and that if any State organization felt strong enough to keep the records and bill and collect itself, the Atlanta office would be very glad to turn over the record keeping and the whole matter of dues. It had, over the years, simply fallen to the Atlanta office for lack of paid personnel in each of the States to deal with the tedious routines involved.

On motion by Mr. Williams, the president was authorized to appoint a finance committee of five or more members, at his discretion.

On motion by Dr. Clement, it was voted that a recommendation be made to the finance committee that it work out a program for getting each member to obtain from three to five new members within sixty days.

Various Board members raised the question of whether the Council's own membership figure could not justifiably be increased to take into account the approximately 1,600 members of the Georgia Interracial Committee (affiliated) and the several hundred additional members of the Texas Commission on Race Relations (affiliated) and the Department of Christian Social Relations of the Virginia Council of Churches (unaffiliated).

Dr. Dent and others suggested that success by the Council in obtaining large additional grants would inevitably be related to the size and influence of our membership. Dr. Dent instanced the success of the New Orleans Committee on Race Relations in increasing its membership by a purely local campaign.

Dr. Duncan suggested that the Council's name suggested too little and that we needed a name which would inform people accurately as to the Council's purpose.

Miss Sytz said she thought that we ought to be sure that we built up a strong organization, without simply breaking down into unrelated State groups. She wanted the program to remain uniform.

ATTACK ON SRC BY METHODIST EDITOR

Mr. Fleming distributed copies of the April 1953 issue of the publication One Methodist Voice, containing a libelous attack on Dr. Mitchell and several of the Board members. The publication had evidently lifted miscellaneous items from the files of the House Committee on Un-American Activities and other similar sources and had brought a most biased and partial charge that various Board and staff members, past and present, had been affiliated with organizations believed to have been tainted by Communist influences. Further analysis of the publication had still to be made. Mr. Fleming told what was readily available to the staff as to the history of the attacking editor. For the moment, he said, the matter was a denominational question within the North Georgia Conference of the Methodist Church, and the Council was in hopes that the Conference would itself, at the proper time, take corrective notice of the charges. Steps taken by the Executive Director and general counsel toward exploring the implications of the attack in the law of libel and in postal regulations were reviewed.

Mr. Wright warned against distributing copies of the libelous publication. He said that the Council had considered going into print to defend itself, but had decided that, for the time being, in view of the limited circulation of the publication, we would merely add prestige to the attacker by going into print. Mr. Wright made it clear that if any individual who had been libeled felt that this was not the right course to take, he was free to act otherwise. The Council itself had approached the postal inspector and the Methodist officials to get them to take official action.

On motion by Mr. Davidson, it was voted that discussion of the matter of the attack would be kept within the confines of the Board.

Miss Sytz requested and obtained permission of the group to use her copy of the sheet in apprising her university officials of the libel against her.

Dr. Washington thought that if, at a later stage, a statement were to be forthcoming, it should carefully answer the many inaccuracies set out.

It was agreed, upon Mr. Wright's suggestion, that officially the Board would give the attack no publicity, and that individual members of the Board would not give it publicity, but might make such private use of it as they felt might be necessary to protect their reputations.

Dr. Patterson said that in the event that the Council does prepare a statement, the individuals attacked should give any information they wanted to be included in the statement, and it was agreed by Mr. Fleming that any such statement would be prepared with the advice of the persons libeled.

The meeting then adjourned at 12:20 p.m. for lunch.

After the luncheon interval, it was agreed that a statement in re the attack should be made in the report of the Board to the membership.

Miss Sytz suggested that it might be better to let people know more about the attack: "We might be crucified for trying to suppress this attack against us."

Mr. Fleming said that it should be made clear that any individual member who was troubled about the attack was free to inquire about it of the staff. What was proposed was to avoid public display and circulation.

BUDGET FOR 1953

In discussion of the budget, as read by Miss Stoney, Mr. Davidson moved that an extra item of a thousand dollars be included, to be spent at the discretion of the executive director, in providing expenses of individuals circulating in various States to secure additional memberships. Others suggested that this might be made the responsibility of the finance committee or that the volunteers who would be at work on matters of schools should be provided with extra expense money to enable them to take on the recruitment task also.

Mr. Davidson's motion was passed, and the budget, with the addition of that item, was adopted.

REVISION OF BY-LAWS

The executive director reviewed the history of the proposal to adopt completely new by-laws in the event that the Council obtained large additional sums, and stated that the several drafts had been scrutinized carefully by members of the Executive Committee and the present final draft had been mailed out to all Board members previous to the meeting. On motion, it was voted to urge the adoption of by-laws at the membership meeting the next day.

ANNUAL MEETING

Dr. Mitchell pointed out that the powers granted the Executive Committee under the by-laws were exceeded in postponing the 1952 annual meetings until

May 1953. He hoped that the membership meeting would sanction the postponement. He also raised the question of whether this meeting should serve as the 1953 annual meeting, thus removing the need for a meeting in November of this year. On motion, it was voted to recommend to the membership that the postponement of the 1952 annual meeting be approved and that the present meeting serve as the 1953 annual meeting, the next meeting to occur in 1954.

CO-ORDINATION OF STATE ACTIVITIES

Rabbi Mantinband urged that we arrange more coordination in the programs of the various States, particularly on the up-coming work of the school volunteers. Dr. Mitchell agreed, and suggested that the school volunteers would have a pioneer task in which they could get little help from outside bodies, and they would therefore have the greater need for comparing notes on their own achievements. Mr. Williams suggested that when each State has a Division meeting they mimeograph enough minutes to send out to other Divisions, and the executive director agreed that this could be done with such minutes as the State Divisions may send in to the Council's office in Atlanta.

Mrs. White told of plans for calling together key people from each county in Florida to discuss and report on the school situation.

AWARD TO DR. MITCHELL BY CATHOLIC COMMITTEE OF THE SOUTH

Mr. Williams told of the award given Dr. Mitchell by the Catholic Committee of the South at its convention in Richmond April 24. He mentioned previous recipients of the award and described the care and consideration by the Committee in making its choices. On motion by Mr. Haas, it was voted that the Board express its pleasure and pride that the executive director had been so honored.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Katherine Stoney
Secretary-Treasurer

May 13, 1953

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL

The Executive Committee has had unusually heavy responsibilities and has held them for an unprecedentedly long time. The by-laws of the Council require an annual meeting of the membership and of the Board of Directors, as you know. At our instance, this is the first such annual meeting since December 1951. True, the by-laws grant to the Executive Committee some months of leeway in fixing the date of each year's meeting. But on our own initiative, we have exceeded that leeway in postponing this meeting until today.

It will be recalled that the December 1951 membership meeting, in reviewing budgetary figures for 1952, did not adopt them as a budget but authorized the Council to be continued from month to month, within the discretion of the Executive Committee. The uncertainty of finances as 1952 drew toward a close led us to put off summoning the Board and the membership, in the hope that it would be possible to consult you at a time when the finances of the Council would be on a stable basis and long-range planning could be undertaken. In part, those conditions are now fulfilled, and we happily at this time turn the conduct of the Council's program back into your hands.

The Executive Committee has met five times since the last meeting of the Board of Directors. The dates were: March 7, May 30, September 27, and December 20 in 1952, and March 21 in 1953.

Program

We have been closely in touch with the staff in a general educational program of the Council. It has been possible to keep New South coming out, and we think there will be agreement that its topics have been well chosen and that its clientele and interest as an organ leading the formation of public opinion in the South have increased steadily. Staff members of the Council have been in demand as speakers for scores of organizations scattered over the South, ranging from business men's luncheon clubs to church bodies, teachers' meetings, and workers' education study groups.

Pamphleteering has suffered from lack of funds, but we saw into the press Race and Law Enforcement, which came out in February of last year. Within a few month, 15,000 copies of this booklet had been distributed to law enforcement officers and interested voluntary agencies throughout the Southern States, and in no less than 143 separate counties, local committees of church women, stimulated by Mrs. Tilly and the Fellowship of the Concerned, have made visits to their sheriffs, booklet in hand, and discussed with him the new levels of police administration described in the pamphlet.

The Council has played a significant part in the three general gatherings of representatives of agencies in the South concerned with human relations, and has done no small part of the research and writing involved in the documents coming out of these meetings, relating successively to blighted housing and bomb violence, the use of racial and religious prejudice in political campaigns, and the issue of segregation in the public schools. These three meetings seem clearly to have established the habit of voluntary cooperation by ten or a dozen leading agencies in this field in the South on matters of program.

We have agreed that in the current year the problem of the schools and the issue of segregation will be paramount in the Council's work, and have made such arrangements as funds seemed to permit for an active effort by the Council to obtain allegiance on the part of the South as a whole to whatever may be the pronouncement of the Supreme Court and to the most rapid possible progress toward a school system defensible in the light of national and world opinion.

Organization

We have reviewed a draft of proposed new by-laws for the Council, worked out in pursuance of the resolution adopted at the December 1951 annual membership meeting, and the new draft will be available to you and to the membership for discussion. We are agreed that the new by-laws represent a desirable form of organization for the Council if and when quite substantial additional funds become available to it. It is not our thought that the new by-laws should at this time be adopted in toto.

We selected two nominating committees, one from the membership to choose nominations for the new Board of Directors and one from your Board to make nominations for officers of the Council for this year.

We record with regret the removal from the region of one of our most valued members, Rev. V. J. O'Connell, who is now a resident of St. Paul, Minnesota.

The increase in prices necessitated consideration of rises in staff salaries. A committee from the Executive Committee, composed of John Griffin, Mrs. Cassandra M. Birnie, and Leonard Haas, reviewed the salary structure of the staff in detail and recommended substantial increases, with a salary range for each job from minimum to maximum. On our approval, the minimum figures in the new salary range were adopted and made payable as of January 1 of this year. We are happy to report to you that the salary levels are therefore now at figures which merit comparison with those of other organizations of this general type.

The Council complied fully with all requests for information from the so-called "Cox Committee," which late last year investigated tax-exempt foundations and agencies assisted by their funds. The information request was in laborious detail. We have heard no criticism of the Council resulting from the investigation of tax-exempt agencies in general.

Funds

By the hardest efforts, the Council came through the year 1952 with an excess of income over expenditures. The audit figures reveal for the operating fund (all the Council's work other than special small projects) a total income for 1952 of $34,635.92 and a total expense of $31,378.53, being an excess of income over expense of $3,247.39. This result was achieved notwithstanding the payment during 1952 of the entirety of the debt we owed to Mr. Thomas F. Byrd.

The various projects of the Council had at the close of the year on hand in their accounts the following amounts:

Fellowship of the Concerned	$ 306.28
New South Appropriation	500.52
NCCJ Grant for Travel	13.38
Commission on Equal Penalties	1,261.59
TOTAL	$2,081.77

The audit for 1952, while disclosing balanced books for that year, necessarily recalled that we had entered the year with a deficit of nearly $6,800 for 1951, and we carried over January 1, 1953, accounts payable amounting to nearly $1,900.

General receipts thus far in 1953 in dues, small contributions, subscriptions to New South, and customary organizational grants have held up to previous years. In addition, the Ford Foundation in March 1953 made a grant directly to the Council of $20,000 "to sustain and expand" our program for the current year. This generous emergency grant was made, so far as we learn, without prejudice to the Council's major and longstanding application now before the Fund for the Republic, and we continue to be hopeful that when the Fund for the Republic is fully organized, it will look with favor upon the major request.

Various members of this Committee and many of you on the Board have been helpful to the Council during the last year and a quarter in turning up additional sources of income, and our thanks are given to you all. It should be pointed out, however, that we have reason to believe that whatever major contribution may be made later on to the Council will bear some relationship to the sources of income found during the remainder of this year, and we urge upon the Board as its principal order of business plans for large additional revenue to the Council.

In our correspondence and work with the Council we have all been impressed by the usefulness of the body at this particular juncture in Southern life, and we hope that you can make plans which will insure the much greater development of its activities, particularly in each State and in local communities.

Respectfully submitted,

Charles S. Johnson
Chairman

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC.
ATLANTA, GEORGIA
STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS
OPERATING FUND

RECEIPTS

Bank Balance, January 1, 1952			$ 240.61
Church Sources, (Exhibit B)		$ 4060.00	
Labor Organization Sources (Exhibit B)		2600.00	
Foundation Sources (Exhibit B)		13350.00	
Organization Sources (Exhibit B)		1653.26	
Individuals (Exhibit B)		6987.97	
Members Dues		3720.00	
Sale of Misc. Literature		1725.93	
New South Subscriptions		470.00	
Honoraria		350.76	
Sale of Office Equipment		18.00	
State Divisions:			
Alabama	$ 215.00		
Arkansas	61.50		
Florida	180.50		
Kentucky	89.50		
Louisiana	42.00		
Mississippi	124.00		
New Orleans Committee	72.50		
North Carolina	155.00		
South Carolina	260.00	1220.00	
Transfers:			
National Sharecroppers Fund	11.22	11.22	
Loans:			
Citizens Trust Co.	495.00		
Tennessee Division Funds	190.00	685.00	36852.14
			$37092.75

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC.
ATLANTA, GEORGIA
STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS
OPERATING FUND
January 1, 1952 to December 31, 1952

DISBURSEMENTS

Salaries Paid		$ 22641.62	
Travel		1724.77	
Printing		691.68	
Rent		1460.00	
Telephone & Telegraph		717.67	
Postage		405.91	
Books & Magazine Subscriptions		83.17	
Accounting Fees		75.00	
Insurance		9.00	
Office Supplies		625.75	
Expense of Meetings		24.90	
Interest Expense		125.00	
OAB Taxes		266.04	
Special Services		246.35	
Exchange		12.25	
Georgia Sales Tax		14.34	
Miscellaneous		16.00	
1951 Accounts Payable		1184.77	
Note Payable - Thomas F. Byrd		3950.00	
Withholding Taxes 1951		220.40	
State Divisions:			
Alabama	$ 179.50		
Arkansas	50.00		
Florida	167.50		
Kentucky	68.50		
Louisiana	37.50		
Mississippi	116.50		
New Orleans Committee	96.00		
North Carolina	107.50		
South Carolina	243.50	1066.50	
Transfer to Fellowship of the Concerned		300.00	
Total Disbursements			$35861.12

Recapitulation:

Total Receipts	$ 37092.75
Total Disbursements	35861.12
	$ 1231.63

Represented by:
Deposit in First National Bank $1231.63

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC.
ATLANTA, GEORGIA
STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS
SPECIAL PROJECTS

January 1, 1952 to December 31, 1952

FELLOWSHIP OF THE CONCERNED

Receipts

Balance,, January 1, 1952		$ 423.96
Transfer from General Budget	$ 300.00	
Miscellaneous Gifts	10.00	310.00
		$ 733.96

Disbursements

Salaries	143.00	
Travel	167.71	
Postage & Supplies	116.97	
		427.68
Balance, December 31, 1952		$ 306.28

SCHEDULE 3

NEW SOUTH APPROPRIATION

Receipts

Balance, January 1, 1952		$ 262.98
The Field Foundation, Inc.	$ 2500.00	
Sale of Race & Law Enforcement	160.00	2660.00
		2922.98

Disbursements

Stein Printing Co.	$1996.96	
Postage	325.00	
Salary, Director of Information	100.00	
Miscellaneous	.50	
		2422.46
Balance, December 31,1952		$ 500.52

SCHEDULE 4

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC.
ATLANTA, GEORGIA
STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS
SPECIAL PROJECTS
January 1, 1952 to December 31, 1952

NATIONAL SHARECROPPERS FUND

Receipts	
Balance, January 1, 1952	$ 11.22
Disbursements	
Transferred to Operating Fund	11.22
	$ 00.00

SCHEDULE 5

NCCJ TRAVEL PROJECT

Receipts		
Balance, January 1, 1952		$ 421.72
Disbursements		
Travel Expense	$ 408.22	
Bank charges	.12	
		408.34
Balance, December 31, 1952		$ 13.38

SCHEDULE 6

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC.
ATLANTA, GEORGIA
STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS
SPECIAL PROJECTS

January 1, 1952 to December 31, 1952

COMMISSION ON EQUAL PENALTIES

Receipts

Balance, January 1, 1952		$ 1000.00
Mr. Louis Aronstam	$ 25.00	
Mr. Morton Weiss	50.00	
Mr. Louis Regenstein, Jr.	50.00	
Mr. Armand May	50.00	
Mr. Frank Garson	25.00	
Dr. H. V. Richardson	50.00	
Interest on Savings	11.59	261.59
Balance, December 31, 1952		$ 1261.59

SCHEDULE 7

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL

Finance report - Jan. 1 - April 30, 1953

RECEIPTS

Contributions from Individuals	$ 1,235.50
Contributions from Organizations	1,141.10
(United Steelworkers - USA $1,000.)	
(Emory Univ. Brotherhood Chest - $141.10)	
Contributions from Churches	1,875.00
(Methodist - Div. of Home Missions - $250.)	
(" - Board of Education - $250.)	
(" - Ky. Conf. Womans Society of Christian Service - $25.)	
Contributions from Foundations	22,050.00
(Ford Foundation - $20,000.)	
(Sidney Hillman Fund - $1,500.)	
(Marion R. Ascoli Fund - $300.)	
(Lucius & Eva Eastman Fund - $250.)	
Members Dues	1,586.00
New South Subscriptions	230.25
Sale of literature	263.61
Honoraria	60.00
Total Receipts	$ 28,441.46

DISBURSEMENTS

Salaries	$ 9,899.84	
Social Security (cost to Council)	112.49	
Travel	704.48	
Rent	420.00	
Office Supplies	259.67	
Postage	211.88	
Printing	383.40	
Telephone & Telegraph	270.07	
Insurance	40.24	
Books & subscriptions	89.32	
Georgia Sales tax	4.21	
Expense of meetings	16.19	
Bank exchange charges	2.70	
Special services	28.91	
Audit Fee	75.00	
Paid to State Divisions	668.50	
Paid on 1952 Accounts	1,926.09	
Paid in full - 1952 loan from Citizens Trust Co.	500.00	
Paid in full - 1952 loan from funds held for Tenn. Division	190.00	
Total Disbursements		$ 15,802.99

Recapitulation:

Balance, Jan. 1, 1953	894.36
Receipts	28,441.46
	29,335.82
Disbursements	15,802.99
Bal. May 1, 1953	$ 13,532.83

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL

Report of Special Projects - Jan. 1 - April 30, 1953

FELLOWSHIP OF THE CONCERNED

Balance on hand, Jan. 1, 1953		$ 306.28
Receipts:		
John Hay Whitney Foundation		1,500.00
		1,806.28
Disbursements:		
Salary, Mrs. Tilly	$ 100.00	
Travel, Mrs. Tilly	58.75	
Steno Services	30.00	
Bank charge	.53	189.28
Balance on hand, May 1, 1953		$ 1,617.00

NEW SOUTH APPROPRIATION

Balance on hand, Jan. 1, 1953		$ 500.52
Receipts:		
The Field Foundation		2,500.00
		3,000.52
Disbursements:		
Printing	352.71	
Postage	130.00	
Bank charge	.09	
		482.80
Balance on hand, May 1, 1953		$ 2,517.72

COMMISSION ON EQUAL PENALTIES

Balance on hand, Jan. 1, 1953		$ 1,261.59
Receipts:		
Interest earned	$ 6.25	
John Rust Foundation (May 1st)	1,000.00	1,006.25
Balance on hand, May 1, 1953		$ 2,267.84

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL

Proposed budget for period May 1 through December 31, 1953

Salaries	$ 19,999.84
Social Security	200.00
Special salaries	700.00
Rent	840.00
Travel	2,000.00
Office supplies	700.00
Postage	400.00
Telephone & telegraph	700.00
Books & subscriptions	60.00
Georgia sales tax	8.00
Bank exchange	4.00
State School volunteers (expenses)	1,800.00
Printing	400.00
Board and Membership meet.	1,000.00
Miscellaneous	100.00
	$ 28,911.84

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL

Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting

May 14, 1953

A meeting of the Board of Directors of the Southern Regional Council was held at Dean Sage Hall, Atlanta University, Atlanta, Georgia, at 3:30 p.m., Thursday, May 14, 1953.

The following members were present:

Marion A. Wright	J. M. Dabbs	Gordon B. Hancock
Paul D. Williams	Rabbi Charles Mantinband	John A. Griffin
Paul R. Christopher	Florence Sytz	John Long
Mrs. James S. Crate	Mrs. Milton P. Adler	Herbert M. Davidson
Mrs. Alice N. Spearman		

The following staff members were present: George S. Mitchell, Harold C. Fleming, Emily Calhoun.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Mr. Long read the following nominations submitted by the nominating committee:

President--Marion A. Wright
Vice-Presidents--Gordon B. Hancock, Alfred Mynders, A. W. Dent, Carter Wesley
Counsel--Leonard Haas
Executive Committee--Harry V. Richardson, Mrs. C. M. Birnie, John A.Griffin, Rev. Andrew Turnipseed, Paul R. Christopher, Rev. Maurice V. Shean, Rufus E. Clement

On motion, it was voted to accept the nominations submitted by the nominating committee.

PUBLICITY ON MEETING

Rabbi Mantinband asked if a statement was being prepared for the press as suggested by the Board the preceding day. Mr. Fleming said that he would prepare such a statement.

FUND-RAISING

Mr. Davidson--"If we don't get the hoped-for grant, will there be a meeting of the membership called and the members asked what action to take?" Several persons agreed that this plan should be followed if the grant was not forthcoming.

There followed some discussion of what action should be taken if the Ford Foundation should grant an amount much smaller than the amount asked for. Dr. Mitchell explained that he did not see how less than three paid workers in each State would be effective. "We need to do everything double in this

bi-racial society," he said.

NOTIFYING MEMBERS OF ACTIVITIES AT ANNUAL MEETING

Miss Sytz asked if the president's address would be sent out to all members, and the staff undertook that it would be printed in the next issue of New South.

APPRECIATION TO THE STAFF AND THE PRESIDENT

Dr. Hancock expressed a debt of gratitude to the staff for carrying on during financial crises over a period of years. Dr. Mitchell pointed out that the Council was the child of Dr. Hancock's thinking.

Mr. Williams expressed his appreciation of Mr. Wright's leadership as president of the Council.

REGIONAL MEETINGS

Miss Sytz spoke of the need for regional meetings of two or three neighboring State Divisions between the yearly membership meetings. "We get inspiration from these meetings. In our own States we get overwhelmed with our own problems. We feel that we are too small to do anything."

THE SCHOOLS AND SEGREGATION

Dr. Mitchell pointed out that, in his thinking, the school problem was the most important thing to be worked on during 1953.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:00 p. m.

Respectfully submitted,

Katherine Stoney
Secretary-Treasurer

Same letter to all SRC Board Members

Sent 4/13 & 4/14

April 14, 1953

Mrs. Warren Zeuch
850 Royal Palm Place
Vero Beach, Florida

Dear Board Member:

The Board of Directors of the Southern Regional Council will meet in the Board Room at Atlanta University on Wednesday, May 13, at 10:00 a.m. Address: 223 Chestnut St., SW, Atlanta.

Expenses will be paid. Please try your best to be present for the Board meeting and to stay over for the membership meeting next day.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

P.S. Please return the enclosed card to let us know that you will come.

GSM:s
encl.

May 18, 1953

Mrs. J. S. Crate
2410 Inwood Drive
Houston, Texas

Dear Mrs. Crate:

Enclosed is our check to cover your travel voucher.

It was certainly good to have you and Mrs. Hogue with us for the meetings. I'm sorry I had so little time for visiting, "around the edges" as we say in the YWCA. But there always seem to be so many little things to do and we have such a small staff, that each of us has lots to do.

Do please come back to see us when you can and let us know if we can ever be of help to you and the Texas Committee. We wish you all the best in your work.

Sincerely yours,

Katherine Stoney,
Secretary-Treasurer

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May 18, 1953

Miss Irene Osborne
104 C. St., NE
Washington, D. C.

Dear Irene Osborne:

I'm sorry that I missed getting your travel voucher before you left but so many things came up at the last minute and I had to get the box of material back to the office. I hope this delay didn't make things difficult for you.

It was certainly good to have you with us. I'm sure that a good many ideas came from your report and hope that some of them will be put to use. Wish you could have had time to stay with us for a few days. Lib Segal, my sister, is here for this week while Ben is in an institute. She has been telling me more about your work.

Best wishes to you in all your "doings". Hope things work out well in D. C. for that will certainly help to set the pattern in other places. Libba is now trying to get us interested in Maryland - she says it is "Southern" in its attitudes and practices. I say we have more territory than we can cover now.

Come to see us again. Best wishes.

Sincerely,

Katherine Stoney,
Secretary-Treasurer

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May 18, 1953

Dr. C. H. Parrish
University of Louisville
Louisville, Kentucky

Dear Dr. Parrish:

Attached is our check to cover your travel voucher for expenses to the Board meeting of SRC. Thank you very much for coming.

I hope that Miss Iwanski will have an opportunity to visit the University of Louisville before she leaves the South for I'm sure she would enjoy and profit by it greatly even though she will probably be disappointed because there is not some "special rosy glow" over the whole place. But it would be a good thing to let her see that such "wonderful things" can happen naturally.

Our best wishes to you.

Sincerely yours,

Katherine Stoney,
Secretary-Treasurer

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encl.

May 18, 1953

Miss Florence Sytz
School of Social Work
Tulane University
New Orleans, Louisiana

Dear Miss Sytz:

How very, very kind you are to make so generous a pledge to the Council. Nobody has ever promised us a generous amount like that even for two years, much less ten. We will certainly hope that the Council can continue for that length of time and that your own circumstances are good. By that time, perhaps there will no longer be the need for our kind of work. We do all thank you very much for your gift of this year and for your promise.

Enclosed is our check to cover your travel expenses. I assure you that we are happy to be able to pay up and to do so promptly. And there is no getting around the fact that travel is high - however you do it.

I will do whatever you wish about memberships. We have a number of members at Tulane, among them Miss Gladys Hall, Miss Elizabeth Wisner, and probably others whom I do not know of because I have a street address only for them.

It was a delight to have you with us for the meeting. I'm sure you will remember the Georgia "specimen" from the S & W for a long time. Thankfully, there are other folks here as well. Do come and see us whenever you can.

Dr. Mitchell is away this week but would send regards, I'm sure.

Best wishes,

Sincerely,

Katherine Stoney,
Secretary-Treasurer

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5/14/53

Dear Miss Storey —

I'm using up over 1/2 of my contribution — however, as I told George Mitchell I am pledging you $100 a year for the next three years. The only if to this is — if I continue employed and no unforseen disaster strikes. Please bill me for this amount each year as my dues — returning the $150 to the New Orleans group for me.

I think I can get some members with out using the check I gave you for this so please use it to fill in any small crack you may have.

Sincerely
Florence Sy

$100.00
K.S.

Your Hotel in Atlanta

Tuskegee Institute

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ALABAMA

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR
RURAL LIFE COUNCIL

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May 20, 1953

Miss Katherine Stoney, Secretary-Treasurer
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
63 Auburn Avenue, N.E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Miss Stoney:

Thank you very kindly for the check of $8.82 covering expenses to the Southern Regional Council meeting.

I regret that I was unable to see any of the staff members. I had no idea that the nominating committee would be in session as long as it was.

We were quite happy to have you on our campus and would be very happy to have you return. Whenever I am in Atlanta I will take the opportunity to drop by and chat with you.

Sincerely yours,

Ernest E. Neal

Ernest E. Neal
Director

EEN/c

May 25, 1953

Mrs. Milton P. Adler
61 Versailles Blvd.
New Orleans, Louisiana

Dear Mrs. Adler:

Attached is our check for $72.11 to cover your expenses for attending our SRC Board meeting and Annual Membership meeting. It was certainly good to have you here and to have a chance to know you as well as to work out details about the New Orleans Committee. It will make my work much lighter now that I know you are taking care of the New Orleans members and that, as you know, includes nearly all the members in Louisiana.

So many things have come up this month and Dr. Mitchell has been away (which means I can't issue checks until he comes back) so much of the time, that I have not sent out checks for April to the State Divisions. I am now planning to send out checks for both April and May early in June. I hope that this will not be too inconvenient for you. I believe there are only about three or four from New Orleans, the other payments have come through your office.

Do let me know of I can be of help at any time and be sure that I'll be glad to work in whatever way is best for you. It is so good to have someone who is working!

We have already had response from Board members who are working on membership. Maybe something will come of that idea. We'll hope so!

Best wishes to you.

Sincerely yours,

Katherine Stoney
Secretary-Treasurer

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May 25, 1953

Rev. W. Carroll Brooke
Box 208
Stannton, Virginia

Dear Mr. Brooke:

Attached is our check for $58.32 to cover your expenses for attendance at our Board meeting and Annual meeting.

It was good to have you with us. I am sure that much of the enthusiasm of this meeting was there because we had such wide representation of our Board and Membership. Let us hope that it will mean more interest "back home".

Please let us know if we can be of service to you and your group at any time. And do come and see us whenever you are in these parts.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely yours,

Katherine Stoney,
Secretary-Treasurer

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May 25, 1953

Dr. Gordon B. Hancock
Box 6056
Richmond, Virginia

Dear Dr. Hancock:

Attached is our check for $63.43 to cover your expenses to the SRC Board meeting and Annual meeting.

It was good of you to take time from your busy schedule to come, and I am glad that, for once, we could have a "happy" meeting. We will hope that this is the beginning of a new era for SRC.

I was interested to see that you gave one of the Commencement addresses for Winston-Salem Teachers College. Having grown up in that city, I know something of the school and know that they profited from your message.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely yours,

Katherine Stoney,
Secretary-Treasurer

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May 25, 1953

Rabbi Charles Mantinband
P.O. Box 1326
Hattiesburg, Miss.

Dear Rabbi:

Enclosed are the check for your travel to the Annual meeting and Board meeting, and the exact wording on the CCS award to Dr. Mitchell.

I'm sorry the check was delayed but Dr. Mitchell has been away almost continuously since the meeting and his signature is needed on the checks.

We enjoyed having you with us for the few days. I wish we might have more time for visiting on these occasions. Do come and see us whenever you are in these parts.

Best wishes to you.

Sincerely yours,

Katherine Stoney,
Secretary-Treasurer

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encl.

P O Box 1326
Hattiesburg Miss
May 22

Dear K S Thanks for sending the address of Paul W. re the Catholic award - I'd like to have the exact wording also, on the scroll. Can you send the expense money (90+) as per statement - I could use it now.

Thank you

Chas Montgomery -

May 25, 1953

Mr. Roscoe Giffen
Berea College
Berea, Kentucky

Dear Mr. Giffen:

Attached is the Council's check for $42.41 to cover your expenses for attendance at our Annual meeting.

Thank you for taking time to come and for getting together all the information about Kentucky schools.

It was good to have you here and to get to know you - I enjoyed our lunchtime visit with Irene Osborne and Dr. Parrish. Miss Iwanski (the Polish teacher) was charmed with the news about the University of Louisville and will do her best to visit the school as soon as she can. I'm sure she would also like to visit Berea and will talk with her about it.

Do come and see us whenever you are in these parts.

Best wishes,

Sincerely,

Katherine Stoney,
Secretary-Treasurer

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encl.

May 25, 1953

Mrs. Ruby E. S. Lyells
1116 Montgomery St.,
Jackson, Miss.

Dear Ruby:

Attached is our check for your expenses for the Annual Meeting. Thank you for coming and for taking time to get up all the information on the Mississippi schools. We hope that this program can get going and really do something. For such a long time the Council has been barely alive. The truth is that the only reason it did not die is because George Mitchell and Mr. Haas and one or two other people simply would not let it die and their faith was contageous. There were lots of times last year when I didn't see how we could go on and wondered just how we would go about paying off our debts and folding up. Now, thanks to their faith and Mr. Wrights work and the Ford Foundation, we have all our bills paid and money in the bank. And Dr. Mitchell can turn his attention to something else than raising "ten cents" to use his own phrase. You and I both know that most of the people who have money and who live in the South are not interested in what the Council is doing - rather they would like to see us out of existence.

I did call Edna Comfort - she was sorry to miss you but understood.

Atlanta has been struck by a heat wave to-day. We are all more than somewhat hazy and trying to adjust to the new temperature. I'm sure Mississippi has the same wort of weather.

Best wishes to you - have a good vacation and a good summer.

Cordially,

Jackson Public Library
CARVER BRANCH
144 E. DAVIS STREET
Jackson, Mississippi

RUBY S. LYELLS
LIBRARIAN

May 18, 1953

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Dear Katherine,

Just a note to say I enjoyed the meeting greatly. Your optimism for the future is contagious.

I must confess that being present at the meeting has meant to me the difference between enthusiasm for and disconnection with SRC. You may recall that I tried to resign my office last December. I meant it. SRC as I had known it had made its contribution but would not carry over into the new era. But I had underrated its capacity and willingness to keep pace with the times.

Thank God for Dr. Mitchell and Mr. Wright.

Sincerely yours,
Ruby Lyells

P.S. Please call Edna Comfort at the Regional Office and tell her I just did not have time.

May 25, 1953

Mrs. W. C. White
753 Highland Avenue,
Eau Gallie, Florida

Dear Mrs. White:

Dr. Mitchell came back to the office for a short while this morning and so I could get some checks signed and send you the $30.56 due for your travel to the Board and Membership meeting. Thank you so much for taking time to come. I know that it meant crowding that time into a heavy schedule.

We enjoyed having you with us, even if we didn't have any time for visiting. Next time I mean to take some time for just that.

I do hope that Mr. Dunlap continues to be interested and to work for SRC. Do let us know if we can help in any way. I am now planning to send you the check covering Florida's share of dues for April and May sometime early in June.

Best wishes.

Sincerely yours,

Katherine Stoney,
Secretary-Treasurer

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May 25, 1953

Mr. M. A. Wright
"Top Knot"
Linville Falls, N. C.

Dear Mr. Wright:

Attached is our check for $64.88 to cover your expenses for the trip to Atlanta on Council business - OMV, Board meeting and Annual meeting.

I want you to know that, using the authority given my by the Executive Committee and the money in my deposit for May 15th ($1519.05) I gave Dr. Mitchell a check for $1,500. to pay off the long over-due loan. The Insurance Co, will bill us for the interest due and I'll pay that as soon as I hear from them. Since the loan was made to Dr. Mitchell who in turn gave the money to the Council, I repaid it the same way. The $1,500. I used to pay off came from the Auto Workers, Miss Sytz, who gave me $100. and several other dues payments and contributions. Now that this debt is paid I feel that the Council is really in good financial condition. I am today paying all the travel vouchers for the Annual Meeting and Board meeting and will pay up all current bills this week.

We continue to hear praise of the Annual meeting and of your speech. Mrs. Spearman and Dr. Duncan have sent in memberships and I have reason to believe that others will come.

Summer came to Atlanta today. I wish we could move SRC to Linville Falls or somewhere in the North Carolina mountains.

Best wishes.

Sincerely,

2410 Inwood Drive
Houston 19 Texas
May 28, 1953

Miss. Katherine Stoney
63 Auburn Ave. N. E.
Atlanta, Ga.

Dear Miss. Stoney:

Many thanks for the check to cover my expenses to Atlanta.

It was a joy and inspiration to be with you folk and to be a part of S. R. C.

Best wishes to you, other staff members and Dr. Mitchell,

Sincerely

(Mrs. Jas S.) Margaret B. Drake

Daytona Beach Evening News
DAYTONA BEACH MORNING JOURNAL
The Sunday News-Journal

OFFICE OF THE EDITOR

DAYTONA BEACH, FLORIDA

July 7, 1953

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JUL 8

Miss Katherine Stoney
Secretary-Treasurer
Southern Regional Council
63 Auburn Avenue
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Miss Stoney:

If you are thinking of income tax deduction, there would be advantage in having the Board travel expenses set up as a gift, although that is really what it amounts to. The News-Journal Corp. paid my expenses and is charging it off as a business expense, which it really is because I was able to attend to some newspaper business in Atlanta. Thanks for the thought.

Sincerely,

Herbert M. Davidson

Editor

Herbert M. Davidson/eb

TO GSM:

Odom Fanning wants you to make another speech for him. This one is to be Thursday, January 8, 1953 before the Sigma Delta Chi - Journalism Fraternity (Professional) There will be between 40-50 newspaper, radio, television and public relations men. All men. All the big dogs in newspaper world are members - seldom come but Odom says all the reporters come. He thinks this is a good group to get the Council before.

Time - Cocktails - 6:00 p.m.
Dinner - 7:00 p.m.

Place - Variety Club on the top floor of the Atlantan Hotel.

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THE STORY OF INDEPENDENCE

A Dramatic Documentary About the United Nations

CAST OF CHARACTERS (in order of their appearance)

Narrator ---------- Dr. Arva C. Floyd

American Soldier ---------- Mr. Charles Gaston

African Man ---------- Mr. Paul Guptill

Latin American Woman -------- Mrs. Arthur Kleiderer

Gino, an Italian Boy -------- Jimmy Cleveland

Vanni, his younger brother -- Winkie Wilkin

Paul, an Italian Boy -------- James Dunson

Angelo, an Italian Boy ------ Roswell Smith

Mary, an American Housewife - Mrs. Inman Green

Bert, her Husband ---------- Mr. Inman Green

Doctor ---------- Mr. W. M. Pearson

Reader of Documents ---------- Mrs. F. M. Hearn

UNRRA Worker ---------- Mrs. T. E. Bell

Stefan, a refugee child ---- David Howard

Stefanne, his Sister -------- Anna Katherine Howard

World Health Nurse ---------- Mrs. Hugh Henline

III. WORSHIP

1. Responsive reading — led by Mr. A. M. Townley

Behold, I create new heavens and a new earth; and the former shall not be remembered, nor come into mind.

But be ye glad and rejoice forever in that which I create; for behold I create Jerusalem, a rejoicing, and her people a joy.

And I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and joy in my people; and the voice of weeping shall be no more heard in her, nor the voice of crying.

And they shall build houses, and inhabit them; and they shall plant vineyards, and eat the fruit of them.

They shall not build and another inhabit; and they shall not plant, and another eat; for as the days of a tree are the days of my people, and mine elect shall enjoy the work of their hands.

They shall not labor in vain, nor bring forth for trouble; for they are the seed of the blessed of the Lord, and their offspring with them.

And it shall come to pass that, before they call, I will answer; and while they are yet speaking, I will hear.

The wolf and the lamb shall feed together, and the lion shall eat straw like the bullock, and dust shall be the serpent's meat. They shall not hurt nor destroy

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November 18, 1952

Mr. Odom Fanning
U. S. Public Health
Communicable Disease Center
Peachtree-Seventh Bldg.
Atlanta, Ga.

Dear Odom:

That's all right about the January 8 business, and I will be there.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:ec

January 16, 1953

Mrs. Colena D. Wilhoit
Box 1071
Daytona Beach, Fla.

Dear Mrs. Wilhoit:

Many thanks for news of the new place. Will be there. 415 South Peninsula Drive, 7:00 p. m.

On the attached sheet are some facts for the paper.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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FLORIDA POWER & LIGHT COMPANY
DAYTONA BEACH, FLORIDA

January 14, 1953

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Regional Council

Mr George S Mitchell, Executive Director
Southern Regional Council, Room 432
63 Auburn Avenue, N E
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Mr Mitchell:

I wrote you several days ago that the meeting of the Pilot Club would be held in the Palm Room of the Princess Issena Hotel. Since writing you our plans have been changed and we will hold our meeting at the Peninsula Club, located at 415 South Peninsula Drive.

I failed to ask you for some information about yourself for the newspaper, please forward same at once.

Will be seeing you on the 23rd.

Yours truly,

Colena D Wilhoit

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COLENA D WILHOIT

January 13, 1953

Mrs. Colena D. Wilhoit
Box 1071
Daytona Beach, Fla.

Dear Mrs. Wilhoit:

I've been looking up transportation for the trip to Daytona.

I expect to take the Royal Palm down. That's due at Daytona Beach at 11:15 a.m. Friday, January 23. Atlanta, however, has no assignment of space on that train, and I am dependent on what may be wired to Atlanta the day before. Howsoever, if they don't get me on fancy Palm, I can leave here on another train, and by changing at Jacksonville, be due at Daytona Beach at 11:25. Nobody need bother about meeting me at all. I will be staying with the Herbert Davidsons and will simply hike from the station over to the Paper and connect up with them.

On the back trip I have asked for space on the Eastern Air Lines plane, leaving Daytona at 8:51 a.m. Saturday morning, the 24th, and putting me back to Atlanta in time to do some needed yard work on what will be left of the week-end.

It looks like the transportation is going to cost somewhere around $60.00, which SRC will advance.

I will infallibly be on hand at the Palm Room of the Princess Issena some minutes before 7:00 p.m. on the 23rd.

Will you be responsible, please, for seeing to it that there is available a good-sized blackboard, firmly supported and tolerably well lighted? I will bring my own chalk.

I look forward a lot to being with your people.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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Daytona Beach, Florida
December 29, 1952

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Mr George S Mitchell, Executive Director
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
63 Auburn Avenue, N E
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Mr Mitchell:

We are delighted that you can be on our program January 23. It is an evening dinner meeting at 7 P M. As to the place, I will have to notify you, as We are expecting a good attendance.

Advise time you will arrive and we will meet you.

Sincerely,

Colena D. Wilhoit

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COLENA D. WILHOIT

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FLORIDA HOME ECONOMICS ASSOCIATION

Daytona Beach, Florida
December 17, 1952

Mr.Geo. P. Mitchell, Executive Director
Southern Regional Council, Room 432
63 Auburn Avenue, N E
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Mr Mitchell:

After your lecture in West Palm Beach, I consulted you regarding a meeting I have charge of in January. You very kindly said you would come and I believe you stated the charges would be your expenses.

The meeting I had reference to, is to be a Dinner meeting of the Pilot Club, Friday, January 23, for our "Bosses" and the theme is KNOWLEDGE IS POWER. I can't think of anything more appropriate than the same talk you gave at the Home Economics Convention, "Map of the South", for this group.

Please advise at once if possible to come. I believe you have a good plane schedule coming out of Atlanta, also leaving Daytona Beach.

Yours very truly,

(Mrs) Colena D. Wilhoit

COLENA D. WILHOIT
Home Service Representative

CDW/ALK

SRC-Ex. Dir.

Southern Regional Council, Inc.
63 AUBURN AVENUE, N. E. ATLANTA 3, GEORGIA

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January 19, 1953

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Dr. Dan W. Dodson
School of Education
New York University
157 W. 13th St.
New York 11, N. Y.

Dear Dan:

Can you start another impulse down the fish line and see if it will hook that twenty-five dollars? Twenty-five dollars is a lot of money to the Southern Regional Council. Surely, if you could put in a personal appearance before the bursar, armed with a great file, the man would start raining out twenty-five-dollar checks!

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:ec

2/21/53

If you do not receive this check within 10 days please let me know. I went down and personally raised hell. They claimed they couldn't find a record of it. We made another requisition while I was in the Dean's office. I'm very sorry George Dan

NEW YORK UNIVERSITY

WASHINGTON SQUARE EAST

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George S. Mitchell - Honorarium for lecture during Summer Session of 1952.

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November 3, 1952

Miss Viola M. Palmetta
New York University
School of Education
Center for Human Relations Studies
157 W. 13th St.
New York 11, N. Y.

Dear Miss Palmetta:

We did get in a package of extra copies of RACE AND LAW ENFORCEMENT, and though our administrative memories are dim, we think they are yours.

But despite the renewed efforts, we haven't seen the $25 check. How about telephoning the man again?

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:ec

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Nov 1. '52

NEW YORK UNIVERSITY
SCHOOL OF EDUCATION
CENTER FOR HUMAN RELATIONS STUDIES
157 WEST THIRTEENTH STREET, NEW YORK 11, N.Y.

TELEPHONE: OREGON 5-3486

October 7, 1952

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OCT 9 1952
Southern Regional Council

Mr. George S. Mitchell
Executive Director
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
Room 432
63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta 3, Ga.

Dear Mr. Mitchell:

Dr. Dodson has asked me to mail you under separate cover 17 copies of Race and Law Enforcement.

With regard to the $25.00 honorarium, we have asked the University to trace back on our requisition which was sent in for payment in July. We are sorry that something has gone wrong, since all our Workshop debts should have been paid long since. We will keep on to it until the matter is cleared up.

Sincerely yours,

Viola M. Falmetta

Viola M. Falmetta
Secretary to Dr. Dodson

September 23, 1952

Mr. Dan Dodson
School of Education
New York University
157 W. 13th St.
New York 11, N. Y.

Dear Dan:

Now that the college year gets started again, how about scratching around for my letter to you of August 4 re twenty-five bucks slowly heading this way, and the pamphlet problem too.

Call up the Honorable the Bursar, and see what he says.

Cordially,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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August 4, 1952

Dr. Dan W. Dodson, Director
Curriculum & Research
NYU School of Education
157 W. 11th St.
New York 11, N. Y.

Dear Dan:

You told me that the twenty-five-dollar check would grind along. (Honorarium for speechlet at New York Institute.) Is it surely grinding along, or should you give it a poke?

Any progress with the copies of RACE AND LAW ENFORCEMENT which you very kindly undertook to try to get rid of?

We missed you at Chicago but all enjoyed your paper.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:ec

SRC - ex dir

January 23, 1953

Rev. Homer C. McEwen
First Congregational Church
105 Courtland St., NE
Atlanta, Ga.

Dear Mr. McEwen:

You are very kind to ask me to be part of the service on Sunday, February 8.

Here is a mat and statistics. Would you ponder whether it would be suitable for you, in reading the lesson, to use some select passages from Exodus that would point up the ten plagues? It is much too long a story to read in its entirety, but I am sure your skillful choice would get in a brief but sufficiently continuous account.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

Houston and Courtland Streets

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"THE CHURCH OF THE CORDIAL WELCOME"

Reverend Homer C. McEwen, Pastor

Miss Viola Waller, Church Secretary

Mr. Graham W. Jackson, Choirmaster-Organist

Sunday Worship Service 11:00 A.M. *Church School 9:45 A.M.*

RACE RELATIONS SUNDAY February 8th, 1953

ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE "Ave Maria" Cherubini
CALL TO WORSHIP The Lord Is My Light 514 (Congregation standing)
OPENING HYMN Onward Christian Soldiers 399
INVOCATION (Congregation standing)
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652 (Congregation standing)
GLORIA PATRI
SCRIPTURE LESSON Excerpts from Exodus
INTERLUDE PRAYER from Lohengrin Wagner
CALL TO PRAYER
PASTORAL PRAYER
CHORAL RESPONSE
ANTHEM "Heritage of Freedom" Auslander
NOTATIONS
HYMN The Voice of God is Calling 337
(Congregation standing)
SILENCE
SERMON Dr. George S. Mitchell, Southern Regional Council
HYMN OF INVITATION O Zion, Haste 372
(Congregation standing)
OFFERTORY "Battle Hymn of the Republic"
Sentences
Prayer
Response
BENEDICTION
POSTLUDE

CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY	6:30 P. M.	Church School Teachers' Meeting
THURSDAY	8 P. M.	Bible Caravan, Exodus 12:21-51; 13:1-13
SATURDAY	2 P. M.	Pastor's Class, Church School Room

COMING EVENTS

TUESDAY, Feb.	10th	Trustee Meeting, Church Office 7 P M
WEDNESDAY,	11th	Church School Teachers' Mtg. 7:30 Laymen's Fellowship, 7:30 P. M.
THURSDAY	12th	Bible Caravan
WEDNESDAY	18th	Ash Wednesday, Beginning of our Lenten Worship Series.

THE EVER READY CLUB

will meet this afternoon at 4 P. M. at the residence of Mrs. Annie Howard, 511 Mitchell Street, SW. Mrs. Sarah Owens, Mrs. Sudie Howard and Mrs. Annie Howard, co-hostesses. Mrs. Carrie B. Harper, President.

THE SOCIAL CLUB

will meet Tuesday, February 10th, 4 P. M. at the residence of Miss Cleo Love, 28 Ashby Street, NW. Each one an item on "Negro History".
Mrs. N. C. Hamilton, President

THE LAYMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

will hold its regular meeting Wednesday at 7:30 P. M. All of the men of the church are cordially invited to attend this meeting. Every man of the church is a member of this fellowship, which is designed to deepen the brotherly love between the members of the communion. Good singing, good fellowship and an interesting opportunity to "know" your fellow-members. This meeting will feature the relating of "most interesting incidents" in the lives of the members. Messrs. Chisholm and Hill, hosts. Dr. E. A. Jones, Chairman, Mr. John B. Hill, Secretary.

THE DEACONESS BOARD & AUXILIARY

will meet Sunday, February 15th, 4 P. M., at the residence of Mrs. Mamie Hamilton, 148 Howell Street, N. E. Mrs. Mamie Hamilton, Mrs. Virginia Murdaugh and Mrs. Ida Watts, co-hostesses.

OUR GUEST SPEAKER

This morning we welcome to our pulpit Dr. George S. Mitchell of the Southern Regional Council, who has brought messages to our church family on other occasions. It is good to have him visit us again. May he sense the cordial appreciation which all of us would express to him for gracious acceptance of the invitation to deliver the message of the day.

JOINED TO OUR FELLOWSHIP

Mrs. Ella B. Malone, of 1872 Tiger Flowers Drive, NW, and Mr. William C. Jenkins, of 62 Morris Brown Drive, SW. We welcome these two friends to our church family, with the hope that they will immediately become useful, happy members thereof.

"Unless we learn to live as brothers, we shall not live."

LOYALTY TO THE CHURCH

Loyalty to the church in simplest language is loyalty to one's best self or to one's own inner life at its best. The church is an institution which has within it the shortcomings as well as the highest aspirations of human beings. It is of Divine origin and seeks to fulfill a Divine origin and seeks to fulfill a Divine purpose. It represents an ideal, an ideal which is often hampered in its fulfillment by human limitations. Loyalty to the church is not to its limitations but rather to the Divine Purpose.

IDEALS

Democratic life and organization, simplicity and vitality of faith, intellectual freedom, educational efficiency, evangelistic purpose, missionary zeal, social passion, unsectarian fellowship, unselfish devotion to the extension of the Kingdom.

HIGHLANDER FOLK SCHOOL

MONTEAGLE, TENNESSEE

February 2, 1953

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Southern Regional Council

George Mitchell
Executive Director
Southern Regional Council
63 Auburn Street, N. E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear George:

The Executive Council meeting, January 8, instructed the staff "for the year 1953, in addition to its program as heretofore conducted, to attempt to organize as an experiment and educational program looking towards a movement of Southern people: and that this Council recommended to the staff that an extraordinary meeting of the Executive Council be called in early April to review the proposed program, offer its assistance; and to the extraordinary meeting invite appropriate leading officials from labor and other organizations for advice and consultations."

The purpose of these "Highlander Schools" which will supplement our present program will be to clarify the present economic, agricultural and political situation in the South, and develop techniques for greater unity.

After consulting with Tom White, George Mitchell and Paul Christopher, we have scheduled the special Executive Council meeting April 27 and 28. We hope these dates are satisfactory and that you will notify us on the enclosed post card that you will be present. By starting with a 12:00 o'clock lunch on Monday we should be through by noon Tuesday.

Cordially,

Myles

Myles Horton
Director

P. S. Due to an oversight, Paul Christopher's name was left off the list of members absent in the last Executive Council minutes. Paul was ill with pnumonia at the time.

GSM wrote he was coming.

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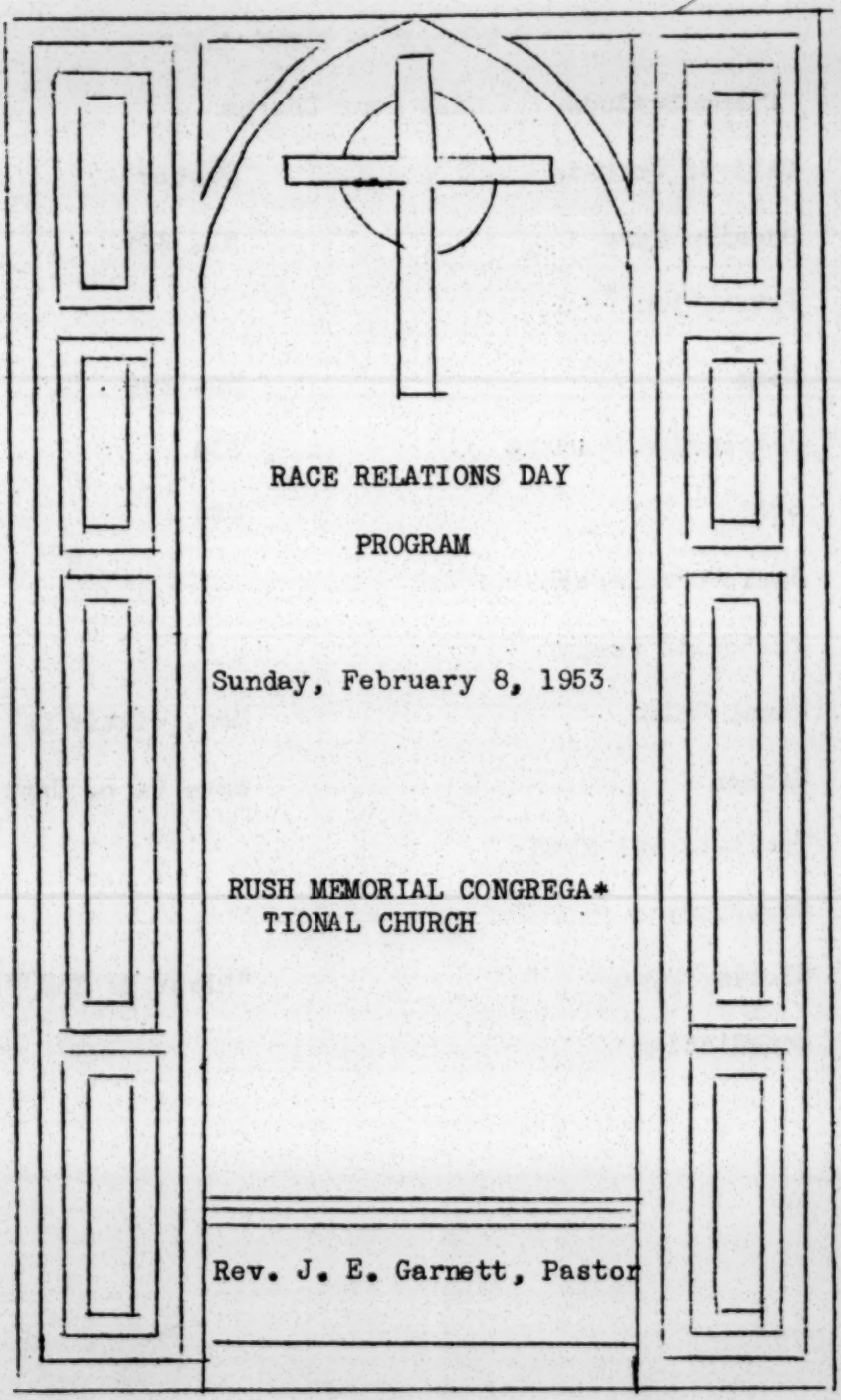

RACE RELATIONS DAY

PROGRAM

Sunday, February 8, 1953

RUSH MEMORIAL CONGREGA*
TIONAL CHURCH

Rev. J. E. Garnett, Pastor

MORNING - 11:00 A.M.

Piano Prelude	Miss Joan Sharpe
Call to Worship	Pastor
Opening Hymn	No. 399
Invocation	
Song	No. 204
Responsive Reading	336
Song	479
Scripture Lesson	
Pastorial Prayer	
Vocal Solo	Mrs. Jimmie Matthew
Sermon	Rev. C. B. Copher
Invitational Hymn	
Offertory	
Closing Hymn	"Bless Be The Tie"
Benediction	

Afternoon - 3:30 P.M.

Piano Prelude	Miss Joan Sharpe
Call to Worship	Pastor
Opening Song	251
Invocation Missionary Baptist Alliance	Rev. A. W. Williams
Song	Spiritual Choir
Responsive Reading	321
Prayer Radliff Presbyterian Church	Rev. Robert Newbold
Vocal Solo	Mr. Francis Long
Introduction of Speaker	Mr. Warren Cochrene
Address Southern Regional Conference	Mr. George Mitchell
Music King Jesus Is A Listening	Choir
Offertory	
Closing Song	Bless Be The Tie
Benediction	Rev. S. W. Potter

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Southern Regional Council
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The Sum of *Thirty-three and 10/100 Dollars — Amount $ *33.10

DATE	DESCRIPTION OF SERVICES OR PURCHASES		EXPENDITURE CODE	AMOUNT
2-4-53	6029 Sociology Dept.-Maint.	33.10	522	31.20
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The enclosed check is in full payment of the items listed hereon and the payee accepts it as such by endorsement. If found incorrect in any particular return intact.

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STATEMENT OF TRAVELING EXPENSES

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ADDRESS George S. Mitchell TITLE _____
Southern Regional Council, 63 Auburn Avenue, N.E., Atlanta, Georgia

FROM _____, 19__ TO _____, 19__
(SEE OTHER SIDE FOR INSTRUCTIONS)
Jan. 28 53 Jan. 29 53

Purpose of Trip:

lecture and consultation with sociology staff members and other staff members

TRANSPORTATION

Date	FROM	Time	Date	TO	Time	Means	Cost
1/28	Pine Bluff, Ark.	8Am	1/28	Fayetteville, Ark.	4:30PM	Car)	520miles
1/29	Fayetteville, Ark.	3PM	1/29	Pine Bluff, Ark.	9 PM	Car)	31.20

PRIVATE VEHICLE CERTIFICATE: I am the legal owner of vehicle described below, which was used for official transportation described above:

Make Hillman Body Style Sedan License No. A525 Georgia

The following University employees were furnished official transportation without charge in this vehicle: _____

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1/28		.90					
1/29		1.00					

APPROVED [signature] DATE Feb 4, 1953, 19__ TOTAL $ 33.10

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January 21, 1953

Dr. George S. Mitchell, Executive Director
Southern Regional Council
63 Auburn Avenue, N.E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear George:

Thank you for your letter and your offer to come here to Fayetteville sometime next week. I would have written you sooner but I was away last weekend and after that got a touch of the flu.

I would like to have you come to the University for consultations, for meeting our staff, meeting and talking with various people here at the University as opportunity presents itself, etc. I shall be happy to have you stay at our home. The Dean has given OK to pay your other expenses.

I have just talked with President Lawrence Davis of Arkansas AM & N of Pine Bluff who is taking work at the University here part-time. President Davis tells me that he will arrange your transportation to Fayetteville by car and return to Little Rock.

Please let me know about when we may expect you in Fayetteville (we are about 6 hour by car from Pine Bluff), the date, and how long you may stay. I would also like to know where you would like to go for train or plane when you leave here. Of course, if you are driving, let me know that. Please let me hear from you by air mail. We are looking forward to seeing you.

Sincerely,

A. Stephen Stephan
Chairman

Exams are over the 28th, thee students will not be here, but many staff will be here.

January 19, 1953

Mr. Ocie Lee Smith
1500 Bishop St.
Little Rock, Ark.

Dear Ocie Lee:

In Kipling's THE LIGHT THAT FAILED is a passage about a man in Egypt who had a quality of being able "to cause things to be accomplished." I am afraid that particular man used unorthodox methods, but I praise your possession of his ability.

Warmly, and I hope to see you,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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1500 Bishop St.
Little Rock, Ark
Jan 17, 1953

Dear Butler:
One day a woman with 6 children abcarded a certain train, these children were of various hues, from grey, to blue, brown, black, and white. The curosity of the Conductor compelled him to pose this question, "Lady are all of these yours?" the reply was, Yes, Then says he why are there so many different colors' "She said, well conducter I will just tell you the truth, You see I don't have a husband and I have to get my children t e best way I can."------Did you laugh?, well, my reason for relating that story is tthis. I am attempting to type this letter, and I don't want you to think I am experienced in this, for I didn't have an opportunity to learn how to use a type writer Scien-stific, So I have to type the best way I can.

It has come to my attention that Dr. George S. Mitchell, Executive Secty. SRC will be in Pine Bluff on Wed. Jan. 28th. I understand that he has written Mr. Christophe, as a member of SRC. making known his plans, and offering some suggestions relative to how his services might be used at the college. I am taking the liberty to write you, and ask that you follow up on this in the 'Ole Henderson way. You understand me.

Any town, or school is fortunate to be graced with the presence of a man like Dr. Mitchell, or Dr. Mitchell, I should say. And no stone SS should be left unturned in seeing that he is fully utilized, and as many people exposed to him as possible. It is a treat we don't get everyday. Dr. Mitchell has dedicate his life for humanity's cause, justice , equity, and fairplay, with the Negro as the biggest recipient. Those of us who believe in his philosophy and unrelenting efforts must always be alert to opportunities to see that avenues are opend for him to reach people and allow them exposure to him.

I don't want to offer too many suggestions, but it does appear to me that the Pine Bluff membership could take advantage of this opportunity to bring in new members, as well as revive the spirits of those who are already connected. If you could plan some type of luncheon where we could get together as part of the Ark. Chapter. I believe a good representation would come from Little Rock.---Why not write our Chairman in this regard, Rev. Lewis H. Dear, 1701 N. Taylor St. L. Rock, Ark.----You might also think about how we might tap, or make contact with those in attendance at the Rural Life Conference that will be in session at Ark Jan 29-30

O.K. I shall be waiting to hear from you. Best wishes,

Sincerely,
Ocie Lee

Dear Doc:
Christophe is O.K. but no promoter, Neither is he popular with the folk on the campus or in the city. Butler will get it going, at-any-rate this was the best thing to do. He will move in without antagonizing Christophe. He knows how to do. Also he is prof of economics.

Ocie Lee

The John Rust Foundation

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Dr. George S. Mitchell, Executive Dir.
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Dr. Mitchell:

Thank you for your letter of January 12th. Wednesday, January 28th at 2:00 p.m. will be fine and we look forward to your visit.

Yours sincerely,

J. D. Rust

JDR/T

January 12, 1953

Mr. C. A. Christophe
Business Manager
A. M. & N. College
Pine Bluff, Ark.

Dear Mr. Christophe:

I'm coming to Pine Bluff, to be there for a visit to Mr. Rust on the afternoon of Wednesday, January 28. Haven't yet decided whether to drive or come otherwise.

When I'm going to a college town, I like to let someone at the college know ahead of time, on the chance that I may be useful to an economics or sociology teacher in talking to a class or two. I have a popular talk on the regional geography, racial, economic, and political problems of the South (done a couple of months ago at Philander Smith, so someone there will know about it.)

If you, as a good member of the Council, will consult about a bit and line up what may be suitable at this period in the college year, I will be glad to do my best to fit in. I could undertake to be at the College on the morning of the 28th or, if need be, on the morning of the 29th.

No fees involved, though if I should have a chance to recruit some new members to the Council, I would be happy.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:ec

January 12, 1953

Mr. Ocie Lee Smith
1500 Bishop St.
Little Rock, Ark.

Dear Ocie Lee:

Our members in Pine Bluff are Mrs. O. C. Dawson, Mr. and Mrs. Butler Henderson, Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Henson, Mrs. John Trotter, Mrs. Ethel B. Dawson, and Mr. and Mrs. Christophe. As Christophe is business manager, I took a chance that he would be the right link with the college.

But it occurs to me that your intervening hand might be useful. Do anything or nothing, as seems wise to you.

I hesitate to promise to come on up to Little Rock, tempting as that is, because I may get some hurry, hurry job just at that period. But if I'm floating around loose, I will come on up.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:ec

January 12, 1953

Rev. Lewis H. Deer
Pulaski Heights Christian Church
Little Rock, Ark.

Dear Mr. Deer:

John Rust at Pine Bluff has shown some interest in the Council, and I am going over there to see him on the afternoon of Wednesday, January 28. I've written to people at the college at Pine Bluff and proposed that I do the usual stint of speaking thereabouts.

I would want to come up, just on general principles, to Little Rock but hesitate to promise it now, because I may just at that time be urgently needed on some of our major money proposals in the East. But I don't want to come to your State without your in advance knowledge.

I'm writing also to Ocie Loe Smith, in the thought that he may wish to stimulate some small gathering at the college in Pine Bluff. The man I wrote to directly at the college is Mr. Christophe, who is, as you know, one of our members.

I hear with much pleasure that you are keeping on with the fortnightly luncheons.

Warmly,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:ec

January 12, 1953

Mr. A. Stephen Stephan
Dept. of Sociology
University of Arkansas
Fayetteville, Ark.

Dear Stephen:

I've got to go and see a man at Pine Bluff on the afternoon of Wednesday, January 28. Expect to make a hurried trip there and back, but hate to get that near without exploring the possibility of getting on up to Fayetteville. At this point I don't know whether I am going to drive or be on the fly-plane. Anyhow, tell me whether that week finds you in the middle of exams or in ordinary academic course, and if I can work it out, I will get up your way.

My trouble is I expect to be called back East in a hurry, and don't want to commit myself to too many days away from the office.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:ec

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January 12, 1953

Mrs. A. D. Hendrix
527 College St.
Helena, Ark.

Dear Mrs. Hendrix:

I'm coming to Pine Bluff, to be there for the afternoon of Wednesday, January 28. That's closer to Helena than I've been for some time, so I write ahead to find out whether you are going to be thereabouts along about then or whether you will be wandering around yourself.

You recall that we are cousins, and I thought I would use this chance to catch up with my Arkansas kinfolk.

I don't know at all that I can get to Helena, because I may be coming smack through on the train from Memphis to Pine Bluff; but then, again, I may drive, and if I drive I expect I would go to Jonestown and ferry across.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:ec

January 12, 1953

Mr. J. D. Rust
The John Rust Foundation
1416 Poplar St.
Pine Bluff, Ark.

Dear Mr. Rust:

Suppose we make it 2:00 p.m., Wednesday, January 28, at 1416 Poplar Street in Pine Bluff?

Unless I hear from you to the contrary, I will be there then.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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Mr. George S. Mitchell, Executive Director
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Mr. Mitchell:

Thank you for your letters. I certainly shall be glad to see you during the last week of January. Please let me know the exact date you expect to arrive in Pine Bluff.

Yours sincerely,

J. D. Rust

JDR/T

January 5, 1953

Mr. John E. Rust
3520 Cherry St.
Pine Bluff, Ark.

Dear Mr. Rust:

I'm holding out on my calendar the last five or six days of January for a possible visit to you. What say?

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:sc

February 18, 1953

Miss Leta H. Galpin
YWCA National Board
600 Lexington Avenue
New York 22, N. Y.

Dear Miss Galpin:

Tuesday afternoon, February 24, two o'clock, new YWCA, Edgewood Avenue, all right, and I will be there.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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February 17, 1953

Dr. George S. Mitchell
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
63 Auburn Avenue, N.E., Room 432
Atlanta 3, Georgia

My dear Dr. Mitchell:

I received your letter of February 3, and in a conference yesterday with Miss Willett we said again how pleased we are that you are willing to give your "map talk" of the southern region to the delegates of the International Leadership Training Project who are coming into the South. As you know, this is their second three-month placement in local YWCA's, from February 25 to the end of May.

Both Miss Willett and I were not quite clear about what you were telling us in the letter about the time that you could work with the delegates and their American staff supervisors. From the plan we have made for the orientation of the delegates to the southern region it would be quite ideal if you could meet with the group on Tuesday afternoon, February 24, at two o'clock at the Atlanta YWCA, 72 Edgewood Avenue, N.E. If, however, the afternoon of February 24 is impossible but you could work with us that evening, shall we say February 24 at 7:00 p.m. It has been our experience in working with the delegate group that they are more alert and are able to participate more fully in discussions during the morning and afternoon hours rather than the evening hours. However if the evening hour is by far the more convenient for you, we shall make our plan accordingly. Will you be willing to send me a brief note so that we can make our plans around our group meeting with you.

May I say once again how much all of us are looking forward to working with you as you help the entire group understand more clearly what life is like today in the South.

Sincerely yours,

Leta H. Galpin

Leta H. Galpin
Director, YWCA International
Leadership Training Project

LHG:JT

To build a fellowship of women and girls devoted to the task of realizing in our common life those ideals of personal and social living to which we are committed by our faith as Christians . . . .

From the Purpose of the YWCA

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February 3, 1953

Miss Leta H. Galpin, Director
YWCA International Leadership Training Project
YWCA National Board
600 Lexington Avenue
New York 22, N. Y.

Dear Miss Galpin:

Thank you for kind remarks about my customary speech.

I am quite free on the evening of February 23 or 24 and expect to be in Atlanta. Put me down for whatever hour or so you wish either day, and let me know as soon as you can when and where.

I had a good time with the interesting people last time and would be delighted to meet the new group.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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February 2, 1953

Dr. George Mitchell
Director, Southern Regional Council
63 Auburn Avenue
Atlanta, Georgia

My dear Dr. Mitchell:

Several times since last November Mrs. John Welbern and Miss Mary Jane Willett have talked with me about the Map Talk of the Southern Region which you gave to the five delegates of the International Leadership Training Project who were to be assigned in the Southern Region from November through January. They have commented again and again about how dynamic, practical and useful the information was. The delegates too have discussed with me some of the information which you gave them, particularly Aliky Papathanassiou from Greece, and Myrtle Girgis from Egypt have said that your discussion was one of the most helpful experiences in orienting them into American community life. Even though I was not on that day a part of the group and in fact have never had the opportunity of hearing the Map Talk myself I would like to join with Mary Jane Willett and others to say thank you again for all the help you gave to the delegates.

The month of February is for the delegates their "change month" from their first three months placement to their second three month placement. This means that there will be a new group of five delegates coming into the Southern Region for the period of March, April and May. They are

Mabel Gardner, India
Lim Bong Soo, Malaya
Mary Farha, Lebanon
Sevim Saka, Turkey
Matana Subhabhundu, Thailand

These young women will be in Atlanta February 23, 24 and 25, for their mid evaluation and orientation into the Southern Region. After their three day period in Atlanta they will go directly to the YWCA's.

All this is to ask would it be possible for you to repeat the Map Talk for these five new delegates into the Southern Region? We could adjust our plans to you if it is possible for you to be with us, any time the morning or afternoon of Tuesday, February 24 or the morning of February 25. Mary Jane Willett and I were working on Friday on our plans for this period in Atlanta, so this letter in thought comes from both of us. We realize how busy your schedule is and it is with some hesitation that we ask you to come to us again, but we couldn't resist asking when the contribution you made in the fall had been so helpful to the delegates. If it is possible for you to come would you be willing to add something about the forces which are at work in the Southwest as well as the eastern part of the South inasmuch as one of the five delegates will be going to Corpus Christi, Texas. We surely hope that you will be in Atlanta during February 24 and 25 and that you will be able to work with us at a time during one of these days which would be most convenient to you. Would you be willing to let Mary Jane Willett know at your earliest convenience? She will be here in New York City so will you please address your communication to 600 Lexington Avenue, New York, New York. In the event that you are to be away from Atlanta on both February 23 and 24 would you be willing to wire Miss Willett so that we can start to make other plans, but we hope so much that this will not be the case and that you can work with us.

Sincerely,

Leta H. Galpin

Leta H. Galpin, Director
YWCA International Leadership
Training Project.

LHG:C

February 18, 1953

Dean B. R. Brazeal
Morehouse College
Atlanta, Ga.

Dear Dean Brazeal:

I will be on hand at ten minutes to nine at Sale Hall Chapel, Friday, February 20.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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OFFICE OF THE DEAN

February 18, 1953

Dr. George S. Mitchell
Southern Regional Council
Wesley Memorial Building
Atlanta
Georgia

Dear Dr. Mitchell:

We shall be glad to have you come to Morehouse College as our chapel speaker at 9:00 a.m. Friday morning, February 20. We would appreciate it if you will come to Sale Hall Chapel about ten minutes before 9:00. Our chapel exercises last for thirty minutes; so we will appreciate it if you will plan to speak for about twenty-two or twenty-three minutes.

Yours sincerely,

B. R. Brazeal

B. R. Brazeal
Dean

BRB:G

February 19, 1953

Mr. Carl Fox
Executive Secretary
Georgia Tuberculosis Association
607-11 Chamber of Commerce Bldg.
Atlanta 3, Ga.

Dear Mr. Fox:

Yes, that's all right about being in Augusta. I will get there before six o'clock, Thursday, February 26, and be on hand for a map speech next morning.

I am trying to arrange to take Miss O'Meara down and back with me.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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Dr. George Mitchell, Executive Director
Southern Regional Council
63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. Mitchell:

This will confirm the financial arrangements which were made with you by Miss Marguerite Spilman regarding participation on our program in Augusta. The Georgia Tuberculosis Association will see that you receive expenses for travel and your stay in Augusta.

We hope that you can come to Augusta in time to attend our dinner on Thursday evening, February 26.

We feel fortunate in having you on our program. Miss Spilman is making arrangements for your hotel reservations.

Sincerely yours,

Carl Fox

Carl Fox
Executive Secretary

CF/sma
c.c. Miss Marguerite Spilman

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February 18, 1953

TO: ALL TB ASSOCIATIONS, COMMITTEES, GCTW MEMBERS, AND OTHER INTERESTED INDIVIDUALS

SUBJECT: TB CONFERENCE

The Georgia Conference of Tuberculosis Workers will meet at the Bon Air Hotel in Augusta, Georgia, February 26, 27, and 28. As you can see by the enclosed Program, the subjects to be discussed are of great basic interest to all of us and to our work.

This Conference is composed of paid professional workers and volunteer workers. We would like very much to have anyone interested in TB attend this conference. Your expenses to this meeting may be paid from your tuberculosis funds. It is a most legitimate expense and the GTA considers it as very worthwhile use of Seal Sale money. The information you receive at the Conference will be very helpful and valuable in your future tuberculosis work. This can count as one of the meetings that most of your contracts with GTA require.

Please make every effort to come. We will be looking forward to seeing you at the Bon Air Hotel in Augusta on February 26, 27, and 28. Please make your own reservations.

Sincerely yours,

Rena W. Harris

Rena W. Harris, President.
Georgia Conf. of TB Workers.

RWH/cd
c.c. GTA Board of Directors

P.S. The enclosed program was developed by Miss Marguerite Spilman, Chairman, Mrs. Maenelle Dempsey, O. B. Moore, Jr., Mrs. Rena Harris, Mrs. G. Lamar Russell, and Mrs. H. L. Graves. The committee has worked hard and has developed an excellent program. Let's cooperate with them by attending the conference.

PROGRAM

GEORGIA CONFERENCE OF TUBERCULOSIS WORKERS

Bon Air Hotel - Augusta, Ga.
February 26, 27, 28, 1953

Thursday, Feb. 26, 1953

2 p.m. - 5 p.m. Topic: How To Work With Boards, Committees and Groups - Group Discussion

Leader: Carl Fox
Recorder: Mrs. Irma Graves

5 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. Recess

6:30 p.m. Group Dinners (Plans to be announced.)

Evening Free

Friday, Feb. 27, 1953

9 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Topic: What Is The Role Of The Tuberculosis Association In The Public Welfare Problem - Symposium

Leader: Mrs. E. E. Porter
Recorder: Mrs. Maenelle D. Dempsey

Dr. George Mitchell, Executive Director, Southern Regional Council, Atlanta
Roots of Indigency - The Map of the South

Miss Rhoda O'Meara, Regional Representative, Bureau of Public Assistance, Federal Security Agency, Atlanta
Federal - State Welfare Programs

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Mrs. Mabel D. Smith, Medical Social Worker, Atlanta TB Association
Functions of the Public Welfare Worker and the Social Case Worker

12:30 p.m. - 1:45 p.m. Recess

2 p.m. - 4 p.m. Topic: Patient Teaching in the Hospital School of Nursing - Trip to Veterans Administration Hospital

Chairman: Mrs. Eugene Howerdd
Recorder: Walker Williams

Friday, Feb. 27, 1953, Continued

8 p.m. - 10 p.m. Topic: Hospitalization of the Tuberculous

Leader: George Allen
Recorder: Mrs. Helen Wolfe

Dr. J. G. Bohorfoush, Chief, Professional Services, Veterans Administration Hospital, Augusta
Different Types of Hospital Care

Topic: Why Do Patients Leave Hospitals Against Medical Advice - Symposium

Mrs. Lucy Cherry, Director of Negro Program, Atlanta TB Association
Problems of Family Origin

Miss Fannie B. Shaw, Executive Secretary, South Central Georgia TB Assn., Valdosta
Problems of Community Origin

Rev. Doug Winn, Chaplin, Battey State Hospital, Rome
Problems of Hospital Origin

Dr. Leopold C. Winters, Chief Clinical Psychologist, Veterans Administration Hospital, Augusta
Problems Due to Personality Conflicts

Saturday, Feb. 28, 1953

9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Business Session - Presiding, Mrs. Rena Harris, President, G.C.T.W.

Summaries of Each Session - Panel

Chairman: Miss Marguerite Spilman
Recorders: Mrs. Irms Graves, Mrs. Maenelle D. Dempsey, Walker Williams, Mrs. Helen Wolfe

February 26, 1953

Rev. Marvin Bordelon
Christ the King Church
Box 455
Simmesport, La.

Dear Father Bordelon:

All straight. I will be there, as agreed, on the 16th and 17th of March.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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CHRIST THE KING CHURCH
POST OFFICE BOX 455
SIMMESPORT, LOUISIANA

TELEPHONE 2381

FATHER MARVIN BORDELON
PASTOR

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Dear Dr. Mitchell:

Dates you suggest, yes.

Nov. 14 + 17 are fine.

Look forward to seeing you.

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February 19, 1953

Rev. Marvin Bordelon
Box 455
Simmesport, La.

Dear Father Bordelon:

Thank you for your letter of the 17th. Sorry you've had the flu.

How would it do if I drove down on Sunday and Monday, March 15 and 16, and arrived at Simmesport by 4:00 p.m. Monday? I ought to leave the next afternoon, headed back for Atlanta. But that would put me in Simmesport from 4:00 on the afternoon of March 16 until, say, 2:00 on March 17. Unless I hear otherwise from you, I will leave that on my calendar and will come ahead.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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CHRIST THE KING CHURCH
POST OFFICE BOX 455
SIMMESPORT, LOUISIANA
TELEPHONE 2381
FATHER MARVIN BORDELON
PASTOR

February 17, 1953

Dr. George S. Mitchell, Executive Director
Southern Regional Council
Room 432, 63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Dr. Mitchell:

Thank you very much for yours of February 5th. I appreciate your trying very hard to squeeze in a run down to Simmesport while you were in Arkansas, but I am afraid that you would have found me at Cabrini Hospital at the time with a man sized attack of 'flu. I am back on the job now and feeling very well.

I am delighted that you are planning a trip this way within the next few weeks. Because of our Lenten parish schedules, we have refrained from planning any trips that would take us away from the parish overnight. Hence, any time that you can come during the next several weeks will prove convenient. I would like to arrange for you to meet, while you are in Louisiana, with a group of business and professional men which we might call Group No. 2 in Avoyelles. These men had the opportunity of meeting a couple of weeks ago with Mr. Morton Elder and I have taken the liberty of telling them about your proposed visit and they are quite anxious to hear more about the Southern Regional Council and your point of view on things Southern. From a point of view of meeting with this group, which I consider quite worthwhile, it would be more convenient if you were able to come in the near future. I hope that you will be able to advise the dates of your trip at least a few days in advance so that we can contact them and arrange the meeting.

In the meantime, you will receive a letter from one of the members of this group, Mr. Clyde Bennett of Marksville, Louisiana presenting the details in a case of miscegenation which has taken place in Simmesport leading to the conviction and sentence of five years in the state penitentiary of a local negro. Mr. Bennett will outline the facts of the case

in his letter. We will appreciate if you will give it some thought and hope to discuss with you, a prudent plan of action in this regard. You are familiar, I am sure, with the statutes in Louisiana with regard to inter-marriage and miscegenation.

Delighted also that you will be able to get up to Grailville some time this spring. I feel sure that you will hear from Miss Wald soon if you have not as yet received word from her. In the meantime, my very best wishes for your work.

Sincerely in Christ the King,

Marvin Bordelon

Father Marvin Bordelon

cc: Miss Barbara Ellen Wald
Grailville
Loveland, Ohio

Mr. Clyde Bennett
Marksville, Louisiana

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ATLANTA REGIONAL OFFICE
11 PRYOR ST., S. W.-ATLANTA, GA.

For your information

Dr George Mitchell -
Southern Regional Council

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Regards

Art Levin

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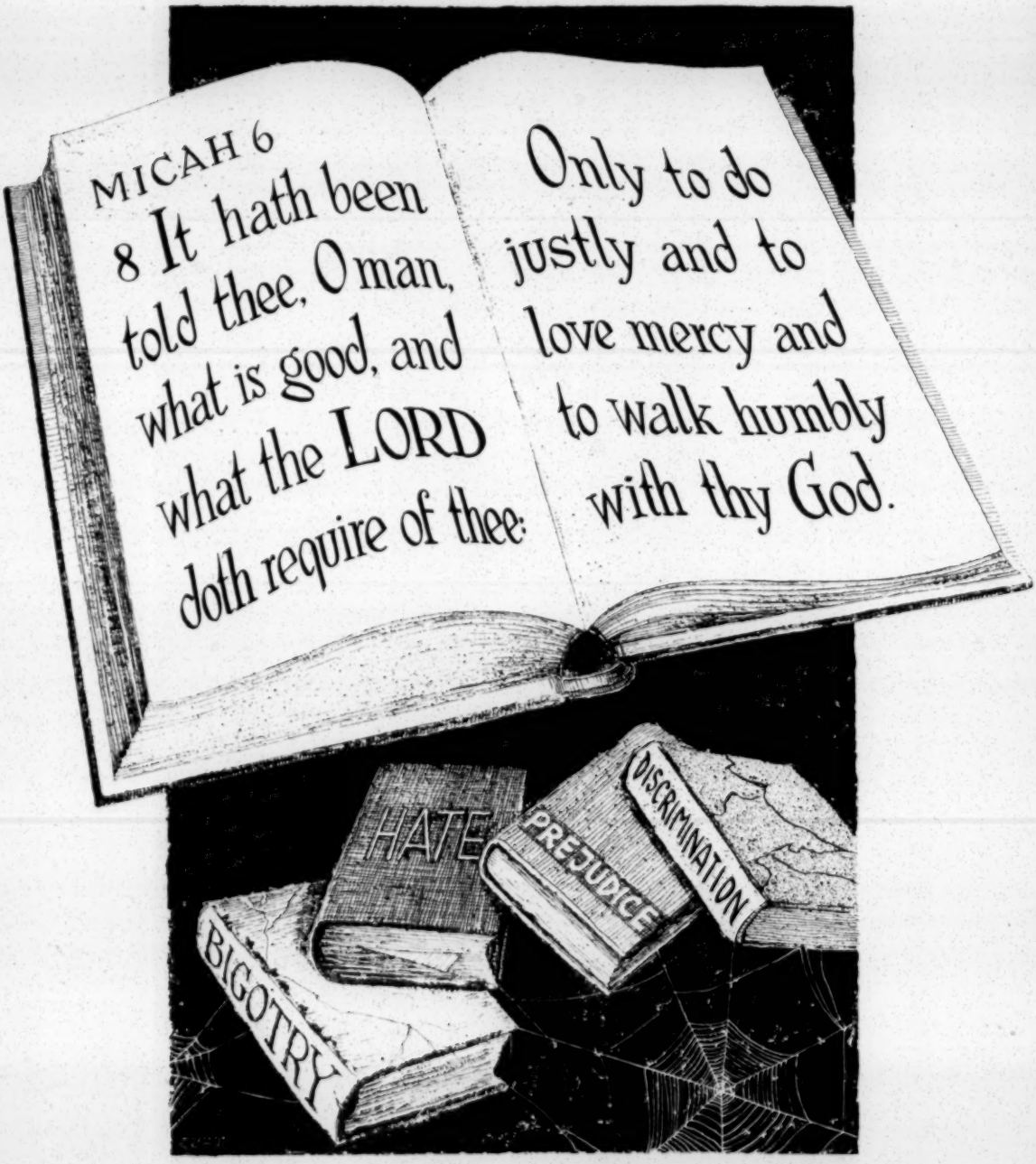
Emory University

BROTHERHOOD WEEK

FEBRUARY 9-13, 1953



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PROGRAM

Monday, February 9

6:15 p.m. Vespers . . . . . Alumni Memorial Building
Choral group of Spelman College Glee Club

7:00 p.m. Brotherhood Program . . . . . Tau Epsilon Phi House
Led by Rabbi Jacob M. Rothchild
The Temple, Atlanta, Georgia
Sponsored by the Emory Campus Club, and the Alpha Epsilon Pi, Tau Epsilon Phi, and Tri-Chi-Fraternities.

Tuesday, February 10

10:00 a.m. Chapel . . . . . Theology School
Dr. G. Ray Jordan, Chapel Preacher

6:15 p.m. Vespers . . . . . Alumni Memorial Building
Dr. Willian Holmes Borders
Pastor Wheat Street Baptist Church, Atlanta, Georgia

6:00 p.m. School of Nursing Program . . . . . Hospital Auditorium
Dean E. H. Rece, Dean of Students

6:00 p.m. Brotherhood Program . . . . . Sigma Chi House
Led by Canon George F. Murphy
St. Philips Cathedral, Atlanta, Georgia
Sponsored by the Alpha Tau Omega, Pi Kappa Phi, Sigma Alpha Epsilon, and Sigma Chi Fraternities.

Wednesday, February 11

6:15 p.m. Vespers . . . . . Alumni Memorial Building
Mr. Clifford Clark, Asso. Personnel Director of Lockheed

7:00 p.m. Brotherhood Program . . . . . Phi Delta Theta House
Led by Mr. Clifford Clark
Sponsored by the Beta Theta Pi, Chi Phi, Phi Delta Theta and Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternities.

Thursday, February 12

10:00 a.m. Chapel . . . . . Glenn Memorial Building
Chancellor T. R. Milford, Custodian of Magna Charta, London, England

6:15 p.m. Vespers . . . . . Alumni Memorial Building
Dr. Rembert Sisson
Pastor - Druid Hills Methodist Church

ERHOOD WEEK

-13, 1953

Christian Association

OF EVENTS

7:00 p.m. Brotherhood Program . . . . . Kappa Alpha House
Dr. Rembert Sisson
Pastor - Druid Hills Methodist Church
Sponsored by the Delta Tau Delta, Kappa Alpha, Sigma Nu, and Sigma Pi Fraternities

Friday, February 13

6:15 p.m. Vespers . . . . . Alumni Memorial Building
Film — "The Toymakers"

5:00 p.m.
7:00 p.m. } Memorial Film Series . . . . . Hospital Auditorium
9:00 p.m.
Film — "Meet John Doe", with Gary Cooper

Vespers

You are invited to worship at Vespers during Brotherhood Week. A thirty minute program is presented at 6:15 p.m. This service is planned with the prayer that brotherly love might continue to increase in the hearts and minds of all members of the Emory Community and spread around the earth. Come and bring your friends.

Chapel

The Chapel Speaker for Brotherhood Week is Chancellor T. R. Milford of Lincoln Cathedral London, England. He is a graduate of both Oxford and Cambridge. For several years he was a teacher in the University of Allahahad in India. Following this he has been study secretary of the British Student Christian Movement and Chaplain of the University of Oxford. Since 1947 he has been in his present position where he is the Custodian of the Magna Charta, the English Bill of Rights.

Fraternity Programs

Under the program of events, there are listed several programs on brotherhood led by noted speakers at various social fraternity houses. These programs are designed to give the members of fraternities and the entire Emory Student body the opportunity to enjoy the fellowship of one another and at the same time draw closer toward Brotherhood of all mankind under God. Everyone is urged to attend these programs.

WHAT IS BROTHERHOOD?

It takes a lot of living and just a few words to make brotherhood a reality. All true brotherhood must begin in the hearts and minds of men and women, and be embedded so deep that it will function not today, not for Brotherhood Week, but for all days and weeks. The desire of any Brotherhood week is to replace tolerance with love and understanding. Let us in this Emory Brotherhood Week take time to view our neighbors for what they really are—Americans, family groups, humble citizens, and individuals with the same feelings as ourselves. Let us realize that brotherhood is dedicated service and respect to our neighbors—under one God.

BROTHERHOOD CHEST

You are being asked to support the Emory Brotherhood Chest. In reality this is not a donation but an investment, which through helping others, builds Christian leaders in troubled countries, promotes brotherhood, and makes this world a better and more peaceful place in which to live. Through the Brotherhood Chest you may designate which fund is to receive your money. You may give to anyone, two, or three of the institutions. Your Choice will be diligently respected.

The first is Athens College in Greece. This school is a unique experiment in co-operative education. Founded in 1925 during a period of reconstruction, the college is endowed by both Greece and the United States. The faculty of Greek and American Teachers work with a program which is especially suited to Greek needs, but which effectively follows American methods and practices. Greek boys who lack financial means to obtain an education are given a chance to attend Athens College. By participating in this practical application of brotherhood the youth of Greece are being trained to lead their country through the future.

The second, Leonard Theological College is an interdenominational institution located in Jubbulpore, India, which molds young men and women of India into ministers, teachers, and Christian workers. Obviously this institution holds a vital role in the future of India—a young democracy that has thrown off the burden of oriental despotism in one generation. Your support will make possible a scholarship for some boy of India.

The third institution, the Southern Regional Council is a non-political, non-denominational group of southerners, which studies the facts about our region's health, housing, education and race relations. It works with our funds through state committees, civic clubs, and church groups to make the South a healthier, more democratic place in which to live.

March 10, 1953

Miss Rosamond Johnson
Wesley Community House
342 Richardson St., SW
Atlanta, Ga.

Dear Miss Johnson:

All straight. I will check in at Paine College in the early evening of March 19 and be on hand for the Friday morning session March 20, to talk about strengthening community life.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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WESLEY COMMUNITY HOUSE
342 RICHARDSON ST., S.W.
ATLANTA, GEORGIA

March 1,1953

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Dr.George Mitchell
Southern Regional Council
Wesley Memorial Building
Atlanta, Georgia.

Dear Dr.Mitchell:

In our telephone conversation of Saturday I promised to give you the details concerning the Southeastern Regional Conference of Settlements and Neighborhood Houses.

The time is March 19-20-21. The place is Augusta,Ga. Meetings will be held at Paine College and Bethlehem Center. We are asking that you speak on Friday Morning March 20 from 9:45 to 10:15. Miss Colborn has suggested that you speak on the subject,"Strengthening Community Life".

The National Federation of Settlements is sponsoring the Conference. Miss Fern Colborn of that staff is helping to work out plans and arrangements.

I am enclosing a copy of the Tentative Program. Miss Colborn has noted in pencil details that have been worked out by the program committee since the Tentative Program was set up.

We will make reservations for you for Thursday Night and take care of your expenses.

We do appreciate your consenting to speak to us and are looking forward to hearing you.

Yours truly,

Rosamond Johnson

(Miss)Rosamond Johnson
Director, Wesley Community House.

TENTATIVE PROGRAM

Southeastern Regional Conference
of
Settlements and Neighborhood Houses

Paine College, Augusta, Georgia March 19-20-21, 1953

For Boards and Staffs

Sponsored by the National Federation of Settlements
and Neighborhood Houses

THURSDAY, March 19, 1953.

4:00-6:00 and 7:00-7:30 P.M. REGISTRATION.

PRESIDING: MISS JEAN CLEVELAN
BOARD MEMBER
BETHLEHEM CENTER
NASHVILLE, TENN.

7:30-9:00 P.M. EVENING SESSION.

1. Getting acquainted.
2. Understanding Ourselves in the Region.
3. Orientation to Regional Conference.
4. Orientation to the National Federation of Settlements--understanding ourselves in relation to the national settlement movement. FERN M. COLBORN, NATIONAL FED. OF SETTLEMENTS INC. NEW YORK, N.Y.
5. Plan of procedure for this specific conference.

9:00-10:00 P.M. COFFEE CHAT.

A time to talk with those present in order to find out where they are from, what kinds of agencies they're in, what programs they have, and what problems they have so that each will know later the background from which each speaks.

FRIDAY, March 20, 1953.

9:45-10:15 STRENGTHENING COMMUNITY LIFE
SPEAKER, SOUTHERN REGIONAL CONFERENCE

9:00-~~10:15~~ 9:45 FIRST MORNING SESSION.

Function of the Settlement in the neighborhood, in the total community, in the Region, and in the national scene.

Fern M. Colborn

BREAK for informal talking.

10:45-12:00 SECOND MORNING SESSION

To grow out of the morning session: Function of the Board, Function of the Staff, and Their Relationship (if the Function of the Settlement is to be achieved.)

Miss Roma Cupp, Scarritt College, Nashville, Tenn.

LUNCH

1:00-1:30 Informal "Talk it Over" as you gather.

1:30-2:45 AFTERNOON SESSION

Personnel Practices--their purpose, what they cover in general, how to go about developing them, helps available.

Miss Lillian Kelly, Bethlehem Center, Chatanooga Tenn.

3:00-6:00 TRIP to Atomic Energy Commission, Savannah River Area.

7:30-~~9:00~~ 8:30 EVENING SESSION

Visitation Program--if taken seriously, its implications for use of records, intake procedures and policies, the summer program, the program year, for quality rather than quantity program, kinds of staff needed, and kinds of program activities. Miss Thelma Heath (Formerly Houston, Texas)

8:30-9 Defense Areas of the Southeast - Bernard Shiffman, Warner Robbins, Ga.

9:00-10:00 COFFEE CHAT

Elvie Alexander arranger

A time to discuss and exchange program ideas. (Have topical signs about the room and have individuals gather under the sign of their major interest.)

SATURDAY, March 21, 1953.

9:00-9:15 Informal "Talk it Over" as you gather.

9:15-11:15 MORNING CLINICS

1. Financing--dues--fees: as a reflection of philosophy of helping and as means of financing. Leader: Clarence Bickel, Knoxville, Tennessee, Settlement
2. A Working Board: better board meetings, more active committees, working board members. Leader: Miss Rosemond Johnson
3. Personnel Practices: discussion of specific areas Leader: Mrs. Bernard Shiffman, Warner Robbins, Ga.
4. More Effective Day-by-Day Program: use of social group work as a method in settlement. Sebastian Fine, School of Social Work, Univ. of Tenn., Knoxville, Tenn.

BREAK

11:30-12:15 "The Sociological Implications of our Capsule Society" - Mrs. Marjorie Johnson, School of Social Work, Atlanta University

12:15-12:30 ~~11:30-12:00~~ Planning for afternoon Clinics.

Have group as a whole make suggestions and decisions about the topics to be discussed in the afternoon Clinic sessions. Let the variety of topics and degrees of interest determine how many Clinics will be announced for the afternoon.

12:30 LUNCH

~~1:00-1:30 Informal "Talk it Over" as you gather.~~

1:30-3:00 AFTERNOON CLINICS.

Number and topics to be determined by group in the 11:30 morning session.

3:00-4:00 EVALUATION OF THE CONFERENCE Leader: Bernard Shiffman, Warner Robbins, Ga.

3:00-3:30 Buzz Sessions based on a prepared outline of areas and aspects to be evaluated.

3:30-4:00 Total Group--pooling and discussing the evaluations growing out of the Buzz sessions.

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March 12, 1953

Mr. Robert H. Ayers, Chaplain
204 LeConte Hall
University of Georgia
Athens, Ga.

Dear Bob:

That's all right, and I will be there for Tuesday evening, May 5, seven o'clock. The topic is one I have ideas on, though I am not a man that can spout instance after instance of Negro achievement. My main notion is that one of the richest resources of the South is its Negro people, who I think would show a wholly new quality of ambition, enterprise, and achievement if we could set out institutions so as to evoke those talents to the fullest.

The Council still has a hard time, but does live.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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THE UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA
OFFICE OF THE CHAPLAIN
ATHENS, GEORGIA

ROBERT H. AYERS
204 LECONTE HALL

WILLIAM R. MOYLE
LUSTRAT HOUSE

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March 9, 1953

Dr. George Mitchell
Southern Regional Council
63 Auburn Avenue N.E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear George:

I hope your work is going well and that the S.R.C. is making progess. It has been a long time since I have seen you but I hope that we can have the pleasure of having you speak at our Religious Association this spring.

During the spring quarter our University Religious Association is going to hold a series of programs around the general theme "Know Your Neighbor" We would like very much for you to talk to the students on Tuesday evening, May 5th at 7:00 P.M., on the topic, "The Contribution of The Negro to American Culture". This meeting will be held in the Lustrat House on the campus.

What we have in mind for this talk is somewhat of a historical survey on the cultural achievements of the Negro in the past. The following Tuesday night we are to have a talk possibly by Mrs. Tilly on the present social, economical and cultural status of the Negro.

I hope very much that you will be able to visit with us on May 5th. I would appreciate hearing from you at your earliest convenience. With best wishes, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Robert H. Ayers

Robert H. Ayers
Chaplain

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BISHOP'S RESIDENCE
15 NORTH McDOWELL STREET
RALEIGH, NORTH CAROLINA

March 27, 1953

MAR 30
Southern Regional Council

Dr.George S.Mitchell
Southern Regional Council
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Doctor Mitchell:

Enclosed is a letter that I have just received from Mother Marie Helene regarding a possible visit in April. I suppose you will have to visit the Sisters some other time, probably during the summer.

With best wishes, I remain

Sincerely yours,

+Vincent S. Waters
Vincent S.Waters,
Bishop of Raleigh

encl.

SISTERS OF PROVIDENCE

SAINT MARY-OF-THE-WOODS
INDIANA

March 25, 1953

The Most Reverend Vincent S. Waters, D.D.
Bishop of Raleigh
Raleigh, North Carolina

Your Excellency,

Thank you for your letter of March 17th. We would be pleased to have Dr. Mitchell visit St. Mary-of-the-Woods, but there would really be no opportunity to address the Sisters.

The Sisters stationed at the motherhouse during the year comprise the college faculty, the officers at the motherhouse, and a number of senior Sisters who are permanently retired. As you will see, there would be no group of Sisters we could assemble to hear Dr. Mitchell.

Trusting Your Excellency will understand our inability to accept your kind invitation, I am

Sincerely in Our Lord,

Mother Marie Helene
Superior General

Src. Ex. Dir.

March 12, 1953

Most Reverend Vincent S. Waters
Bishop of Raleigh
15 N. McDowell St.
Raleigh, N. C.

Dear Bishop Waters:

Most kind of you!

Father Marvin Bordelon, now at Simmesport, Louisiana, has promoted a project for me to go to Grailville, and by coincidence, I wrote Miss Plante there only yesterday that I was setting my plans to be at her disposal Tuesday and Wednesday, April 14 and 15. The Council will pay my expenses for that trip to Cincinnati and back.

If, being as far as Cincinnati, I could go on to be at Terre Haute Thursday, April 16, that would be easy for me to do, and the expense of the small trip, Cincinnati-Terre Haute and return, would not burden the Sisters of Providence. It would be sheer luck, of course, that the 16th of April would be a suitable date with them. I will trust you to make any or no arrangements about the Terre Haute trip, as may seem suitable to you.

I am frequently in Washington, as you know, and will try to allow time on some up-coming trip to get over to Baltimore to talk for the Mission Helpers of Sacred Heart at Towson. Washington trips are unpredictable, and with your permission, I would correspond directly with the Mission Helpers of Sacred Heart about a date with them. Perhaps you would be kind enough to write them that you hope such an arrangement could be worked out, and then on my next trip up I would be in touch with the Sisters ahead of time.

I look forward greatly to being present at the CCS meeting in our kind city of Richmond.

Respectfully,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:ec

BISHOP'S RESIDENCE
15 NORTH McDOWELL STREET
RALEIGH, NORTH CAROLINA

March 9, 1953

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Dr.George S. Mitchell
Southern Regional Council
Executive Secretary
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. Mitchell:

I spoke to a group of lay women about your splendid lecture and I thought that sometime when you are in the vicinity of Cincinnati,Ohio, you would not mind giving them the distinct pleasure and advantage of hearing you. They are located at Grailville,Loveland, Ohio. It is a special training school for young women who are doing lay missionary work all over the world and who are especially interested in the South. I believe it would be a splendid contact for you to see what these women are doing and they would appreciate receiving from you a real idea of the background and problems of the Southland.

I am sending Miss Janet Kalven a copy of this letter as an introduction when you are in the neighborhood of Cincinnati.

With sincere best wishes and looking forward to seeing you at the Catholic Committee of the South Convention in Richmond, I remain

Sincerely yours,

+ Vincent S Waters

Vincent S. Waters,
Bishop of Raleigh

P.S. I also would like you to talk at the Mother house of the Sisters of Providence Terra Haute Ind. also
Mission Helpers of Sacred Heart
Towson Md. near Baltimore Md.

SRC - ex-dir

April 6, 1953

Miss Jeanne Plante
Grailville
Loveland, Ohio

Dear Miss Plante:

All right. I hate for you to send in, but it is safest.

How you pick me coming up into the station I'm sure I don't know. I'm six feet flat, wear a gray hat and silver-rimmed glasses, and look benign and a little worried. My secretary says contrive a few words of speech out of each man, and pick the one that sounds the most like Uncle Remus.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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GRAILVILLE
Loveland, Ohio
March 31, 1953

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Dear Dr. Mitchell,

I am happy that all arrangements are made for your trip to Loveland.

I think that the schedule is a little close to count on catching the 8:50, therefore, we will meet you at the station and bring you out to Grailville for breakfast. I wouldn't think of having you try to negotiate the bus trip as it is a matter of three changes and a widely spaced bus schedule to Loveland. We will be very glad to pick you up Doctor.

I am happy to let Father Forsthoefel know of your coming and I am sure we can arrange a meeting.

Until the 14th, I am

Sincerely in Christ,

Jeanne Plante

P. S. It delighted Elvira Bordelon to hear that you had partaken of some of those famous Louisiana cracklings and cuche-cuche.

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March 24, 1953

Miss Jeanne Plante
Grailville
Loveland, Ohio

Dear Miss Plante:

All straight. I will take the L&N train up on the night of the 13th, arriving at Cincinnati 8:05 a.m. Tuesday, April 14. If the L&N pulls in at anything like on time, I will catch the 8:50 out from Cincinnati to Loveland that morning. If the L&N is too late to catch the one morning train, I'll negotiate the trip on the bus, but I expect 45 minutes leeway is enough to catch the 8:50.

There is some possibility of my going on from Loveland, to be at Terre Haute the 16th to talk to the Sisters of Providence, but I'll know about that later. In any case, I am on your hands for the 14th and nearly all the 15th. Will you take some convenient opportunity to tell Father Forsthoetel that I am definitely coming? He has shown a kind interest in the Council, and I wouldn't like to get that close without his knowing about it.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

P. S. Convey, please, to Mlle. Bordelon the news that I was lately at Simmesport and ate cuche-cuche and cracklings.

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GRAILVILLE
Loveland, Ohio

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March 20, 1953

Dear Dr. Mitchell,

Thank you for your letter. I was happy to hear that you had set at least a tentative date for your visit to Grailville. You are very welcome to come at that time, and if nothing unexpected occurs from your end of things, we will be expecting you on Tuesday, April 14th.

Loveland is about 20 miles from Cincinnati and there are two trains which come out daily--one at 8:50 A.M. and one at 1:15 P.M. If your train arrives at Union Station in time for you to catch the 8:50 train, we will meet you at the Loveland depot. However, if you cannot make connections with this train we will be very glad to pick you up at the station in Cincinnati. Will you drop us a line and let us know the time of your arrival?

Thank you again, Dr. Mitchell, and once again we are looking forward to your visit and will be happy for the opportunity of welcoming you to Grailville.

Sincerely in Christ,

Jeanne Plante

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Ar Ci 8.05
Lv A 7.50 PM

March 10, 1953

Miss Joanne Plante
Grailville
Loveland, Ohio

Dear Miss Plante:

Many thanks for your kind letter of March 5.

I speared around on my calendar, and set as a tentative date for being at Grailville Tuesday and Wednesday, April 14 and 15. It needn't necessarily be those dates, but they would be convenient for me. If they don't suit you, let me know, and I will try to work out another time.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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P. S. I expect I will take a night train up, and arrive in Cincinnati at breakfast time. What's the best procedure from there? Train or bus to Loveland?

GRAILVILLE
Loveland, Ohio

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MAR 6

March 5, 1953

Dear Dr. Mitchell,

May I send you greetings from Grailville and also an apology for not having acknowledged more promptly the copy of your letter to Father Bordelon which you recently sent to Miss Wald.

Miss Wald has been in the East for some weeks now and since we are still uncertain of the date of her return, I would like to repeat and reaffirm in her name the invitation which we have already extended to you through our mutual friend, Father Bordelon. We will be very happy if it is possible for you to pay us a visit sometime this spring, Doctor Mitchell. We have heard a great deal about you from Father Bordelon and also follow with interest your issues of the New South. We have a great regard for the work that you are doing to help solve some of the pressing social questions of our time and feel that we have undoubtedly a great area of common interest which would make your visit an interesting and I am sure also an illuminating one for us.

I understand that a good friend of ours who is in this vicinity, Father Ambrose Foresthoefel, also subscribes to the New South. On the occasion of a visit of his here recently I mentioned that you might be up this way within the next few months. He was very happy to hear of this and would also look forward to meeting you.

When you have some definite plans as regards your trips in the spring, we would appreciate hearing from you, Doctor Mitchell. In the meantime we look forward to meeting you and welcoming you to Grailville. I send best wishes for the continued success of your work.

Sincerely in Christ,

Jeanne Plante

GRAILVILLE

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April 14, 1953

Mr. Marcus E. McConnell, Jr.
Livingston, Ala.

Dear Mr. McConnell:

My many thanks to you and all the others for the kindnesses extended to me in the trip over to Livingston. The forum group was a good audience, and I enjoyed being with them.

Expenses are as follows:

Transportation,	Atlanta-Meridian	$11.32
	Livingston-Birmingham (bus)	2.59
	Birmingham-Atlanta	5.86
Meals		3.03
Telephone		.45
City bus		.13
	TOTAL	$23.38

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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April 8, 1953

Mr. Marcus E. McConnell, Jr.
Livingston, Ala.

Dear Mr. McConnell:

Further confirmation on arriving at Meridian, 4:20 p.m., Thursday, the ninth.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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April 2, 1953

Mr. Alfred Maund
Livingston, Ala.

Dear Mr. Maund:

I'm sorry to say we don't have any glossy prints of Dr. Mitchell and are even out of mats. On March 19 I sent some biographical material to Mr. Marcus McConnell, but here is another copy.

Sincerely,

Emily Calhoun
Secretary to George S. Mitchell

Encl.

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March 19, 1953

Mr. Marcus E. McConnell, Jr.
Livingston, Ala.

Dear Mr. McConnell:

Nice to see you yesterday morning.

I will duly meet with you at Livingston for the evening of Thursday, April 9.

That train puts me off at Meridian at 4:20, and if someone will be kind enough to meet me there, I can be sure of getting over to Livingston quite in time for the forum. I will have time the next morning to get over to Meridian on the bus, so wouldn't need to trouble anybody for the job of toting me.

The talk I am accustomed to make is called "The Map of the South." I send along some biographical material on me. Also, to tell you more about the Southern Regional Council, a leaflet.

I greatly look forward to the evening with you and your friends.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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cc. Mrs. Seale

MARCUS E. McCONNELL, JR.
ATTORNEY AND COUNSELOR AT LAW
LIVINGSTON, ALABAMA

March 12, 1953

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MAR 16
Southern Regional Council

Mr. George S. Mitchell, Executive Secretary
Southern Regional Council, Inc.,
63 Audubon Avenue, NE
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Mitchell:

Your gracious letter of March 10, 1953, addressed to Mrs. Thomas Franklin Seale, has been handed me as Chairman of the Sumter County Public Forum. We sincerely appreciate your offer to be of service to us but it so happens that our program for March has already been set up and it would be impossible for us to have another meeting at this time. If your plans call for you being in this section of the country in either April or May, we would be delighted to arrange our April or May program, which at this time are only tentatively arranged, to suit your visit so that we might have the opportunity of having you with us.

Your thoughtfulness in this matter is sincerely appreciated by the entire planning committee of the Sumter County Public Forum.

Yours sincerely,

Marcus E. McConnell, Jr.

Marcus E. McConnell, Jr.

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April 25, 1952

Mrs. Thomas Franklin Seale
York, Ala.

Dear Mrs. Seale:

Many thanks for your letter, and thanks indirectly for Professor Lewis's praise.

I have only one speech that I do well, and doubtless that is what Lewis was talking about. It is called "The Map of the South," and in 37 minutes runs over geography, history, agriculture, industry, race relations, politics, and the works in the South. Some wit, too much dialogue.

I make it here and there quite for free, but my Council is too poor to pay for me to get to York and back. If you want me to come over, I would be glad to come, but it would cost travel expenses over and back. I drive my car at three cents a mile, so it wouldn't break you.

I have been in York fairly lately, and got a comfortable night at the little hotel by the railroad for a most minimum fee, and quite a breakfast for forty cents!

Close friends of mine within your reach are Alvin and Dorothy Smith, who have a farm halfway between Uniontown and Newbern. Alvin runs the State Milk Control Board these days. Our present Council head in Alabama is the Rev. Mr. Dan Whitsett at Sylacauga.

My May engagements thus far are: May 15 at Birmingham; May 20, New York; May 24, hereabouts.

Otherwise, if you want me, I will be glad to come.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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Mrs. Thomas Franklin Seale

April 22
1952.

Dr George Mitchell,
Atlanta
Ga.

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Southern Regional Council

My dear Dr Mitchell:—

We have, in Sumter Co. Alabama, a public forum of which we are very proud. It has existed for over seven years, and continues to have great public appeal.

We have had from time to time such great speakers as Herbert Agar, Hodding Carter our senators and public men from the educational and

industrial areas of this State.

Dr Lewis of Florida, a guest faculty member of our Teachers College here last summer, has suggested that we ask you for some information concerning your lectures and fees etc.

We are to have a May meeting not too near the end of the month as our calendar is quite full with college and town affairs.

Speaking as chairman of the forum I would be glad to hear from you in this regard.

Very truly
Mattie W. Steele
Mrs J. F.

State Teachers College
Livingston Ala.

April 14, 1953

Mr. George T. Guernsey
C. I. O.
718 Jackson Place, N. W.
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear George:

Sure, that's all right, and I will save May 17-23 for you at Talladega. I am honored to be invited.

It's a longish spell. Could you try to squeeze me into four days or five days of it instead of the whole week? But I'll do what you need done.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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April 8, 1953

Mr. George S. Mitchell, Executive Director
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
63 Auburn Avenue, NE
Atlanta, 3, Georgia

Dear George:-

Our CIO School for Alabama, Georgia, Florida, and Mississippi is scheduled for May 17-23, at Camp Mac, Talladega, Alabama.

Would it be possible for you to be there for the week to do a course on the South? I will call you about it.

Sincerely yours

George T. Guernsey

George T. Guernsey
Associate Director
in charge of Education

April 21, 1953

Zeta Phi Beta Sorority
Box 145
Hampton Institute
Hampton, Va.

Dear Zeta Phi Beta:

On behalf of the Southern Regional Council, I should like to express appreciation of the kind invitation to be present at the testimonial services for Mrs. Eloise Williams, Sunday, April 26. Unfortunately, it will not be possible for me to be present, but we send on our warmest praise of her and of the sorority for the many helpful ways in which both have assisted the cause of equality and human dignity for us all.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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NANCY BULLOCK WOOLRIDGE, GRAND BASILEUS
BOX 145, HAMPTON INSTITUTE, HAMPTON, VIRGINIA

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Southern Regional Council

April 9, 1953

Dear Friends:

We, Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, invite you to share in our Testimonial Services for Mrs. Eloise Williams, the 1953 "Woman of the Year," and four other women who have rendered invaluable service to our community in the field of Human Relations.

The other women are: Mrs. H.A. Wilson, Mrs. Jas. Crate, Mrs. W.H. Hogue, and Mrs. S.L. Cashan, Jr.

Our services will be held at Trinity Methodist Church on Holman and Live Oak at 5:30 P.M., Sunday, April 26.

Please plan to attend and invite your friends.

Yours very truly,

Zeta Phi Beta

Zeta Phi Beta Sorority

Given at CCS meeting April 25, 1953, in Richmond, Va.

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TRIBUTE TO DR. GEORGE S. MITCHELL
by
Paul D. Williams

It has been said that one man of courage is a majority. Dr. George Sinclair Mitchell comes by the virtue of courage gracefully, through a kindly inheritance. His mother was a brave, gracious, blithe spirit. His father, the late Dr. Samuel Chiles Mitchell, was built along heroic lines. He became, even during his lifetime, an institution in the city of Richmond, Virginia.

Formerly the President of the University of Delaware and President of the College of Charleston, the elder Dr. Mitchell chose to spend his last fruitful years as Professor of History at the University of Richmond. Dr. Mitchell's students still breathe his name in hushed reverence whenever they meet, because of his challenge, his original thinking, his ability to make them stir themselves to higher strivings than they thought possible. Freedom was in the blood of Dr. Samuel Chiles Mitchell and freedom was in his very breathing. He had no tolerance for what some people call a respectable mediocrity. He strove to have every man under his tutelage raise himself up to his highest possible level of achievement as a precious person--as, indeed, a man of God.

Dr. George Mitchell is a native of Richmond. He graduated from the University of Richmond with honors, being elected in his senior year to Phi Beta Kappa. From thence he went to Johns Hopkins University where he received his Ph.D. in economics. Then he was awarded a Rhodes Scholarship, spending three years at Oxford University in England. On his return to America, Dr. Mitchell taught at Columbia University until drafted into government service.

It was in his capacity as Assistant Director of the Farm Security Administration that Dr. Mitchell evidenced a keen concern for the plain people on the land and strove to remove from them the shackles of poverty and bring them to the independence that becomes a man who wants most of all to be free.

Six years ago Dr. Mitchell became executive director of the S. R. C. In this office Dr. Mitchell's greatest asset has been his devotion to duty. General Robert E. Lee once said, "To me the most sublime word in the English dictionary is the word--duty."

The three things that shine forth in Dr. Mitchell's life, at least in my estimation, are his courage, his deep concern for the plain people of the South, and his devotion to duty.

Emerson has said, "Gold and silver are not gifts, they are only excuses for gifts. The only true gift is to give a portion of yourself." In all of his undertakings Dr. Mitchell has humbly given a liberal portion of himself. That is why the Catholic Committee of the South, representing the Bishops, priests and laity of the Catholic Faith, signals out Dr. Mitchell for special recognition in this year of 1953. Since he has given so generously of himself for the advancement of the South, it is only fitting that we in the Catholic Committee of the South should in return give a portion of ourselves to him in the scroll that soon shall be presented by Bishop Russell of Charleston.

Let it be remembered that the Catholic Committee of the South award has been extended only after the most careful consideration. Among the past recipients have been such personages as the late Dr. George Washington Carver, Dr. Howard W. Odum, Mr. David E. Lilienthal, Mother Katherine Drexel, Archbishop Gerald P. O'Hara, and Dr. Guy B. Johnson.

Words are only words. They cannot possibly bespeak the deep, hidden meaning of the human spirit. What the scroll states is admittedly only feeble. What is left unsaid represents the imperishable meaning of friendship, admiration, and appreciation that all of us in the Catholic Committee of the South feel for a truly superlative gentleman, Dr. George Mitchell—an appreciation expressed perhaps most appropriately in the words of Keats, "Heard melodies are sweet, those unheard are sweeter."

In the homely but manly virtues of courage, deep regard for plain people, devotion to duty are to be found Dr. Mitchell's real stature, and in these virtues he arrives at his high estate of success.

For, after all, what is success? Wealth, fame—these are fleeting. They come and they go like the winds. But true successlies much deeper in the innermost spirit of man. Ruskin has the answer, and in his definition Dr. Mitchell is exemplified:

> "Mighty of mind, mighty of heart, magnanimous—to be this is to be great in life. To be this increasingly is to advance in life. For he only is advancing in life whose blood is growing warmer, whose mind quicker, and whose spirit is entering into living peace—that peace which surpasses all understanding."

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April 30, 1953

Rev. A. B. Forsthoefel, S. J.
The Glenmary Missioners
Glendale, Ohio

Dear Father Forsthoefel:

That was very kind indeed of you to write so warmly about the visit to Glenmary. I am grateful to you, as I told you, for working it out.

I send you separately the issues of NEW SOUTH for the last couple of years. If among them there is some special one that the seminarians would like more copies of, let us know, and we can provide them.

Do carry out your plans to come this way.

Appreciatively,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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THE GLENMARY MISSIONERS
GLENDALE, OHIO

Legal Title:
The Home Missioners of America, Inc.

April 19, 1953.

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Dear Doctor Mitchell,

I want to thank you for all your trouble in coming to Glendale and in making the very informative talk there. There is no doubt about it, the seminarians profited much from your visit there. I only wish we were financially able to give you some more substantial token of our appreciation.

I telephoned Grailville Friday to arrange to go there with my wire recorder and to put your talk on my machine for use with my Novices here at Milford. I want to keep it on permanent file to use each year with each new group of Novices. Although the written pamphlets are very instructive, the human voice adds something to the message given.

By way of seeking information - one of the Novices here was asking whether you have any more pamphlets of the nature you sent me last year. He commented that those we now have are several years old and that in the past few years the problems covered by the pamphlets have been modified somewhat. He thought that you might have later editions of the same pamphlets ~~are~~ OR altogether new publications.

When I have the opportunity, I would like to make a trip to the deep south to see first hand all the good work that is being done there. In the meantime, we have to think about our international problem of world peace.

You and your work are always in my prayers.

God love you and pray for us.

A. B. Forsthoefel, S.J.

(Rev.) A.B.Forsthoefel, S.J.

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April 30, 1953

Mr. Eugene E. Ryan
The Glenmary Missioners
Glendale, Ohio

Dear Mr. Ryan:

I have been away for ten days or so, which accounts for my slowness in answering your most kind letter of April 19. Nothing pleases a teacher more than to be told that he has taught.

I have sung the praises of you and your fellows at two or three places in my subsequent travels. You asked the keenest questions of any such group I have ever made my famous speech before.

My warmest best wishes to you all.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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THE GLENMARY MISSIONERS

GLENDALE, OHIO

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Southern Regional Council

April 19, 1953

Mr. George S. Mitchell
Southern Regional Council
63 Auburn Avenue, N.E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Mitchell,

I am writing for all of the students here at the Glenmary Seminary to tell you how much we appreciated your talk here last Wednesday afternoon. We all feel that you gave us many new insights into that great South in which we have such an interest, and to which our work of increasing the love for the truths of Jesus will carry many of us.

We thank you very much, and assure you of a warm welcome if you should be able to visit us again.

Sincerely,

Eugene E. Ryan

Eugene E. Ryan

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May 1, 1953
Air Mail

Dr. George S. Mitchell
Executive Director
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
63 Auburn Ave., N.E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Dr. Mitchell:

I greatly appreciate that you have accepted our invitation to participate in our Southern summer school May 24-30, 1953. You might find the enclosed "Instructions for Students" useful.

I am particularly happy that you will stay with us overnight. I wonder if it would be possible for you to stay also for our workshop sessions on Tuesday. I am sure that your talk will start discussions among our students and it might be useful to plan a workshop session on your topic for Tuesday afternoon.

We have not discussed yet our financial arrangements. Would you write me any suggestion you might have or would you like us to discuss this item when we see each other Monday, May 15?

Again, with many thanks for being with us, I remain

Sincerely yours,

Otto Pragan

Otto Pragan, Director
Research and Education

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ICWU SUMMER SCHOOL
Lake Junaluska Assembly, North Carolina
May 24 - 30, 1953

INSTRUCTIONS FOR STUDENTS

How to reach Lake Junaluska Assembly:

Lake Junaluska is situated on the beautiful, historic grounds of North Carolina near the Tennessee and South Carolina line. It is known as the entrance to the Great Smoky Mountains National Park and the former camping grounds of the Cherokee Indians.

Lake Junaluska is 27 miles west of Asheville, N.C. You reach Asheville by railroad, airplane or bus. If you drive - take U.S. Highway 19-23 West out of Asheville. If you come by train, plane or bus - take the local bus from Asheville to Lake Junaluska.

Registration

Register on Sunday, May 24 between 4:00 and 6:00 p.m. at the Junaluska Apartments which are located approximately 1 mile from the entrance to the Assembly. After registration, dinner will be served at the Tea Room at 6:00 p.m. The school will open at 7:30 p.m.

School Program

Read carefully the time schedule and the school program. In particular, select a topic for the workshop in the afternoon. As each student can participate in only one of the three workshops scheduled, he has to choose the one he wishes to attend.

What to bring:

1. Personal equipment:
   a. Comfortable and informal clothes and shoes
   b. Bathing suit
   c. Tennis and badminton rackets, fishing equipment
   d. If you play a musical instrument be sure to bring it along.

2. Study materials: Bring as much material from your local union as you think will be useful. For example:
   a. A copy of your union contract, wage rates, pension agreement, etc.
   b. Your local union constitution and by-laws
   c. Your local union newspaper and bulletins, posters, announcements, etc.

If any last minute information is needed contact:

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Akron 13, Ohio

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INTERNATIONAL CHEMICAL WORKERS UNION-AFL
Second Southern Summer School
Lake Junaluska Assembly, North Carolina
May 24-30, 1953

	SUNDAY-24	MONDAY-25	TUESDAY-26	WEDNESDAY-27	THURSDAY-28	FRIDAY-29	SATURDAY-30
8:00-8:45 a.m.		B R E A K F A S T					
9:00-10:30 a.m.		WHAT'S IN YOUR CONTRACT Instructor: James E. Wolfe					
		Discussion of Important Contract Clauses	Grievance Procedure				Review Session
10:45-12:15 p.m.		HOW TO NEGOTIATE YOUR CONTRACT Instructor: Otto Pragan					
		What is Collective Bargaining?	Negotiating Wages		Negotiating Pension and Welfare Plans		Negotiating Techniques
12:30-1:30 p.m.		L U N C H					
1:30-2:30 p.m.		Reading and Discussion Period					GRADUATION
2:45-4:15 p.m.		WORKSHOP SESSIONS (each student chooses one)					
		I Public Speaking and Parliamentary Procedure Discussion Leader: James E. Wolfe					
		II Local Union Administration Discussion Leader: Otto Pragan					
		III The Worker and His Community	How a Bill Becomes Law			Look at Congress	
		Discussion Leader: Bob Rapas					

	SUNDAY-24	MONDAY-25	TUESDAY-26	WEDNESDAY-27	THURSDAY-28	FRIDAY-29
4:15-6:00 p.m.	REGIS-TRATION	PLANNED RECREATION		Picnic	PLANNED RECREATION	
6:00-7:00 p.m.	D I N N E R				D I N N E R	
7:30-9:00 p.m.	Orientation Session History of ICWU Speaker: Walter Mitchell	What's New in the South? Speaker: Dr. Geo. S. Mitchell	What's New in Washington? Speaker: Bob Repas	and Tour	U.S. and the World Speaker: Bob Repas	? (The students choose the subject)

Dr. George S. Mitchell, Executive Director
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James E. Wolfe, Director
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Kentucky State Federation of Labor
Louisville, Ky.

March 26, 1953

Mr. Otto Pragan
International Chemical Workers Union
1659 W. Market St.
Akron 13, Ohio

Dear Mr. Pragan:

I will be delighted to come up to Junaluska for the evening session on Monday, May 25, "What's New in the South." I expect I will drive up and get there in the early afternoon and spend that night with the group at Junaluska.

If your schedule changes importantly as you get nearer to the meeting, let me know.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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March 23, 1953

Dr. George S. Mitchell, Executive Director
Southern Regional Council
Wesley Memorial Bldg.
Atlanta, Ga.

Dear Dr. Mitchell:

Our Second Southern Summer School will be held at Lake Junaluska Assembly, North Carolina, May 24-30. I am enclosing a copy of our tentative program.

You will notice that we have scheduled a lecture for Monday evening on "What's New in the South". I would greatly appreciate if you would be willing to speak to our school on the development in the South. I realize that one session is not sufficient to give a detailed picture of the industrial growth of Southern economy. However, I think a review can be given in one and one-half hours to stimulate interest in these problems and to "expose" the thinking of our delegates to factors and ideas unknown to them.

Hoping that you will accept my invitation, I remain

Sincerely yours,

Otto Pragan

Otto Pragan, Director
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May 6, 1953

Miss Elizabeth B. Herring
National Council on Agricultural Life & Labor
1751 N Street, NW
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear Miss Herring:

Many thanks for your kind letter of April 29.

I don't remember clearly enough what Ernest Neal said about land tenure. I know he's generally gloomy, and so, rather, am I.

If you can give me something out of the minutes, I will be glad to comment.

It was a good meeting, helpful all around.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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April 29, 1953

ELIZABETH B. HERRING,
Executive Secretary

Dr. George S. Mitchell, Director
Southern Regional Council
Room 432, 63 Auburn Ave., N.E.
Atlanta 5, Georgia

Dear Dr. Mitchell:

You did a wonderful thing for our conference and now I hope that NCALL can do something worthy of what you did for us.

I am working on the conference report and at the same time reflecting on how NCALL can build on the various discussions. Later in May I shall be writing you again about a few ideas for practical action.

In the meantime, if you have a moment, I would be glad to have you comment on the issue raised by Dr. Neal as to the trend in land tenure in the south. I was brought up by a free will religion and keep thinking that if we want democratic land tenure badly enough, we could get it.

Any number of delegates have told me any number of times of how interested they were in what you told us. Thank you very very much.

Sincerely yours,

Elizabeth B. Herring

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Executive Secretary

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Southern Regional Council

Dr. George S. Mitchell
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Dr. Mitchell:

Thank you for your note. I will fix the title, perhaps with a sub-head for the literal souls among us.

We have one additional southern resource coming, Miss Ruth Morton, who is now with the American Friends Service Committee, who worked for quite a long time with the American Missionary Association and had a great deal to do with the development of credit unions among rural Negroes in ~~your state~~. North Carolina -

I seem to remember that you told me that your address takes 37 minutes. I shall ask Dr. Motheral to keep his down to 15. That will leave us an hour for discussion and for permitting our various resources to participate.

Throughout this conference I hope we will succeed in getting a sense of direction on actual things to be done, so that afterwards we can build on the discussion and go ahead with positive programs.

Sincerely yours,

Elizabeth B. Herring

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This sounds as if dictated on a hot day -

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Executive Secretary

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Dr. George S. Mitchell
Southern Regional Council
63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta 5, Georgia

Dear Dr. Mitchell:

I enclose the program in the form in which it will be printed in a bulletin which goes out this week Friday.

You will notice that I have scheduled you for the principal address on Wednesday evening, April 22. I am asking Dr. Motheral to speak very briefly about certain studies which the BAE has made showing that mechanization in the Texas high plains has gone much farther in medium size farms than in large farms depending on migrants, or small farms with inadequate resources.

I would like to have you plan the way we call upon our southern resources during the program. I have said the following in the bulletin which will be mailed this week:

"DELEGATES FROM THE SOUTH WILL BE PRESENT FOR THE DISCUSSION OF LOW INCOME FARMERS AND FARM WAGE WORKERS IN THE SOUTH TODAY.

NCALL members who have been working with migrant labor families in Florida of late have been interested in the fact that many of the migrant workers of Florida and the "low income farmers" of Alabama (or some other nearby state) are the same people. These matters will be interpreted to us by several delegates as well as by Dr. George S. Mitchell, director of the Southern Regional Council, who will make the principal address. "

Dr. Ernest E. Neal of Tuskegee Institute, Alabama, and Professor Harry W. Roberts of Virginia State College, Petersburg, Virginia, will attend. They are authorities on the problems of farm wage labor and low income farmers in the South. Mr. J. D. Rust of the Rust Foundation of Pinebluff, Arkansas, will be a delegate also. Mr. Rust is one of the brothers who invented the mechanical cotton picker and whose thought about the machine has been that it should be a liberator of humanity."

In addition to the persons mentioned in this note, you may wish to draw upon the experience of Shirley Greene, Loftus Carson, and Amber Warburton, who have been at Belle Glade, Florida, of recent weeks, working on the Education of Migrant Childred project.

Dr. George S. Mitchell:

I do not wish to condition your approach by the title I have given you. If you would like me to change it in the final program, could you let me know by April 15th.

We hope that the evening program on the south will provide the basis for our discussion the next morning on "The Problems of Low Income Farmers: Proposals for Solution".

I wish that you could stay with us throughout the conference, but I gather that too many people want you! We are most grateful for your willingness to help with this and I hope this discussion will be a spring board for fresh enthusiasm about doing something in relation to low income farmers.

Sincerely yours,

Elizabeth B. Herring

Elizabeth B. Herring
Executive Secretary

Enclosure:

I will ask Dr. Motheral to speak 15 minutes. The rest of the evening will be yours plus the audience (Dr. Neal etc.)

March 31, 1953

Dr. Joe R. Motheral
Head of Farm Labor Section
Bureau of Agricultural Economics
United States Department of Agriculture
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Dr. Motheral:

I am very happy to hear from Dr. Ducoff that you will speak to our Third Annual Conference, and that possibly Dr. Metzler will help also. We do appreciate your cooperation very much.

I think it would be a good idea if I could talk with you about the plans of the conference and I will call you next week, but in the meantime I could give you a little idea of what we have in mind.

The enclosed preliminary program will be modified before the final program is printed April 15th. If you do not like the title I have given you, we can fix it. It would meet our needs best if you could be with us for more than one session and give us the findings of the BAE in different pieces under different subjects. Do you think you could spare the time for that?

The spot where I have put you down for a speech is the Wednesday evening program. The plan that evening is to devote most of the time to a discussion of the south, but I felt that if you would say something about the subject mentioned at the beginning of the evening, that it would be an excellent background for the southern discussion.

When you and I have had an opportunity to talk together and to see what the points are that should be brought out in the different sessions, we can plan more definitely.

You may read between the lines of this program that we are trying very hard here to show the relationship between migrant labor problems and the broader problems of agriculture.

Thank you very much for your kindness in helping us. I will call you soon.

Sincerely yours,

Elizabeth B. Herring
Executive Secretary

March 30, 1953

Miss Elizabeth B. Herring
National Council on Agricultural Life & Labor
1751 N Street, NW
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear Miss Herring:

I find that my Richmond meeting appears not to need me on the 22nd and 23rd of April, so I am bound to be at your conference.

H. L. Mitchell knows the story on the Rust Foundation. A most interesting story, and he is a good guy. It will be fine for Mr. and Mrs. Rust to beat the meeting.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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Elizabeth B. Herring,
Executive Secretary

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Dr. George S. Mitchell
Southern Regional Council
63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta 5, Georgia

Dear Dr. Mitchell:

I am delighted to report that Prof. Harry W. Roberts of Virginia State College is coming and today I hear from Mr. Rust - "My wife and I expect to be in Washington in April and we will try to time our going there to coincide with your conference of the 22nd and the 23rd."

Shirley Greene, Amber Warburton and Loftus Carson have been working in the Belle Glade, Florida, area and will be here. Also Ruth Morton from the American Friends Service Committee, formerly with the AMA in North Carolina will probably be here. So there will be some southern experience. Of course most of the national organizations represented have southern constituencies.

There are five sessions in the conference:

April 22		
Afternoon	2:00 - 4:30	Farm Wage Labor
Evening	7:30 - 9:30	An Enlarged Program with Low Income Farmers
April 23		
Morning	9:30 - 12:00	Low Income Farmers (cont.) Credit Team Work (Social Services and Economic Programs)
Luncheon	12:30	The Farm Issues in the News
Afternoon	2:00 - 5:00	The Family Farmer and The Resources Issues Conservation and Flood Control Reclamation - Power

I have invited Senator Sparkman* to do a keynote speech on program with low income farmers on Wednesday evening, April 22nd. Would you make a speech on the South that evening? How shall we draw our Southern "resources" in? I hope they will take part in all sessions. Next week I will mail you a more complete program and we can see how to orient the

* He can't do it.

Wednesday evening session in relation to the whole conference. In the meantime may we count on you for the Wednesday evening speech?

Sincerely yours,

Elizabeth B. Herring

Elizabeth B. Herring
Executive Secretary

P.S. Would you tell me a little more about the Rust Foundation?

Your letter has just arrived. I am glad to know for sure that you can be with us. I hope that you will stay by us for as many sessions as possible.

My idea about the evening session where you speak is that it will be primarily Southern but we will do enough of a general nature that evening to put the Southern questions in the framework of the total discussion & subject of the conference.

THIRD ANNUAL CONFERENCE
of the
NATIONAL COUNCIL ON AGRICULTURAL LIFE AND LABOR

April 22 and 23, 1953
Washington, D. C.

PRELIMINARY PROGRAM

The Third Annual Conference will be held at Pierce Hall, All Souls Church-Unitarian, 16th and Harvard Streets, N. W., Washington, D. C.

SESSIONS

Wednesday, April 22		
	Registration	1:00 - 2:00 P.M.
	Opening Session	2:00 - 4:30 P.M.
	Evening Session	7:30 - 9:30 P.M.
Thursday, April 23		
	Morning Session	9:30 - 12:00 Noon
	Luncheon	12:30 P.M.
	Closing Session	2:00 - 5:00 P.M.

THE PROGRAM

The Conference will look into various aspects of one broad issue:

WHAT FEDERAL POLICIES ARE MOST CRUCIAL IN DETERMINING WHETHER AMERICAN AGRICULTURE MOVES IN THE DIRECTION OF WIDE SPREAD OWNERSHIP OF LAND OR OF CONCENTRATION OF LAND OWNERSHIP.

Since a corollary of the first is family farming and of the second an agriculture based primarily on wage labor, the conference will attempt to illuminate the relationship between land tenure issues and wage labor problems.

The Four Sessions

The exact subject for each session will be determined when the invited leaders can say definitely at what hours they can be present. Among the invited leaders are members of the Congress and representatives of the Administration. The four sessions will deal with these aspects of the general issue:

1. What are the trends with respect to the growth of the wage labor system in Agriculture? What appraisal do we give to these trends from the angle of production, conservation and human values?

2. What are the possibilities for an enlarged and creative economic and social program with low income farmers? This will be discussed from three angles:

   What types of credit are or should be available to low income farmers?

   How can we have better team work between the social services and economic programs in behalf of low income farmers?

   What Land Tenure reforms are necessary?

3. What is the stake of the family farmer in federal policies which affect the availability of resources to him? (Irrigation, electricity, conservation, flood control)

The Method of the Conference

The leaders will speak to definite issues and plenty of time will be left for discussion so that fresh goals and ideas as to ways and means will come out of each session.

The leadership will include persons active in governmental and privately financed international programs in underdeveloped areas.

While the conference will discuss federal policies, the focus will sometimes be on particular regions. For example: The conference will hear some facts about the South. The old order of land holding in the South is changing, but is the change for the better?

At the Luncheon on April 23

At this informal occasion there will be an opportunity for a free-for-all question period on the agricultural issues which have made the headlines during this session of Congress. The authorities invited to be present to answer questions have been informed that our interest is in "The Stake of the Family Farmer and of the American People in Stable Farm Income".

THIRD ANNUAL CONFERENCE
April 22 and 23, 1953 Washington, D. C.

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My check is enclosed for $_____

Registration for full conference	$3.00
Chicken Box Luncheon	$1.25
TOTAL	$4.25
(Registration for single session	$1.00)

Please detach the registration blank and mail with your check to the
NATIONAL COUNCIL ON AGRICULTURAL LIFE AND LABOR
1751 N Street, N. W.
Washington 6, D. C.

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March 24, 1953

Miss Elizabeth B. Herring
National Council on Agricultural Life & Labor
1751 N Street, N. W.
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear Miss Herring:

Thank you for your letter of March 17.

I will be on hand for the conference April 22 and 23. I am supposed to be also at another meeting at Richmond April 21-24, but so far as I know, I don't have to speak at it, and I can sneak off and go up to Washington, and will. But it would help me to know as soon as I can at what hour and on what day you want me to hold forth in Washington.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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March 17, 1953

ELIZABETH B. HERRING,
Executive Secretary

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Southern Regional Council

Mr. George S. Mitchell, Director
Southern Regional Council
63 Auburn Avenue, NE
Atlanta 5, Georgia

Dear Mr. Mitchell:

It was very kind of you to take the time to locate me the other day and help me with the conference plans. I am writing to the following telling them about the conference:

John Rust
Ernest Neal
Lewis Jones
Harry Roberts

Whether any will be able to come remains to be seen.

I am going up to see Senator Sparkman soon and perhaps other members of Congress, and will write again as things develop. In the meantime I hope that we can count definitely on your being with us and helping with the session. Shirley Greene has some interesting results from the Florida study of the education of migrant children.

In the meantime, while things are developing here, I shall be grateful for additional suggestions from you.

From the enclosed program you will see that I am trying to set the southern analysis into the context of points 1, 2 and 3. At this moment it seems to me that it would give vitality to the whole conference if we had the southern discussion in between points 1 and 2. It could be a "for instance" for point 1 and prepare the way for point 2.

Sincerely yours,

Elizabeth B. Herring

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Executive Secretary

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May 18, 1953

Miss Jeanne Plante
Grailville
Loveland, Ohio

Dear Miss Plante:

I do appreciate your nice letter and the Grailville news and the twenty dollars and the kind remarks and the prayers.

I am one of Grailville's traveling boosters.

The Richmond meeting was a grand occasion, and I felt much and too much honored.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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GRAILVILLE
Loveland, Ohio

May 7, 1953

RECEIVED
MAY 13
Southern Regional Council

Dear Dr. Mitchell,

I was quite ashamed of myself when I received your note thanking us so graciously for our hospitality, for actually we are the ones who are much indebted to you.

We appreciate it so much that you came so far to pay us a visit, Dr. Mitchell, and we all feel that we profited greatly from your knowledge and experience of the South. Your talk as well as the informal discussions over meals, etc. gave a new insight into the problems and possibilities of the Southeastern states and quite frankly we were inspired with your own zeal to bring about conditions in which man can really live as God meant them to. Several days ago, Father Forsthoefel came over with another priest and they transcribed your talk from the tape we had taken. Consequently all the Glenmary novices will have the benefit of it also.

I have been reading some of the statements from the meeting of the Catholic Committee of the South. Now, of course, I understand why they insisted that you be on hand without giving you many details of the program, etc. My congratulations, Dr. Mitchell, on being chosen for the committees annual award. I am sure that the choice could not possibly have been more apt, or given to any one more deserving.

I hope that as our own program in the South develops more and more, we will have much opportunity for further contact with you and with the S. R. C. I am enclosing a small donation for the work of the Council. I only wish it were more, but I am going to make a special point of saying a few extra prayers that the "heart" of the Ford Foundation is moved to grant you all the assistance that you need to engage full time workers so that your work can grow even more.

With greetings and best wishes from all at Grailville,

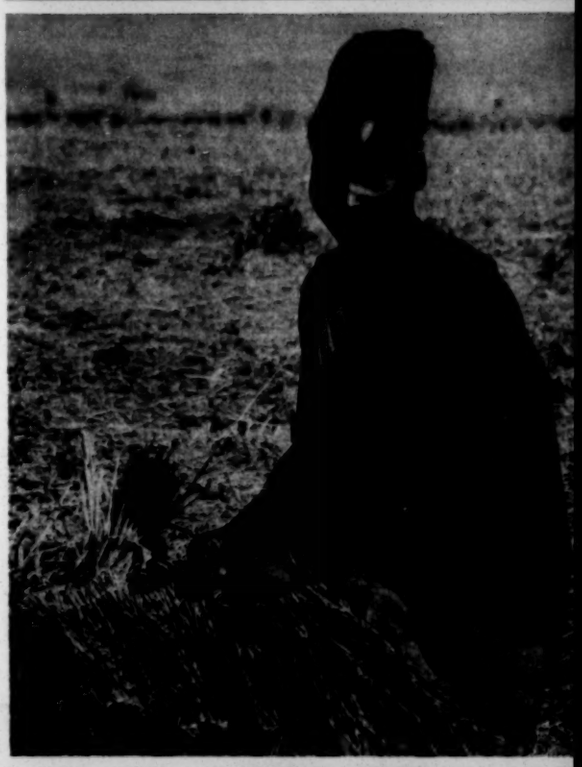
Sincerely in Christ,

Jeanne Plante

I am not sure whether you saw a copy of our most recent newsletter — so put one in, just in case

FROM GRAILVILLE TO ALL OUR FRIENDS

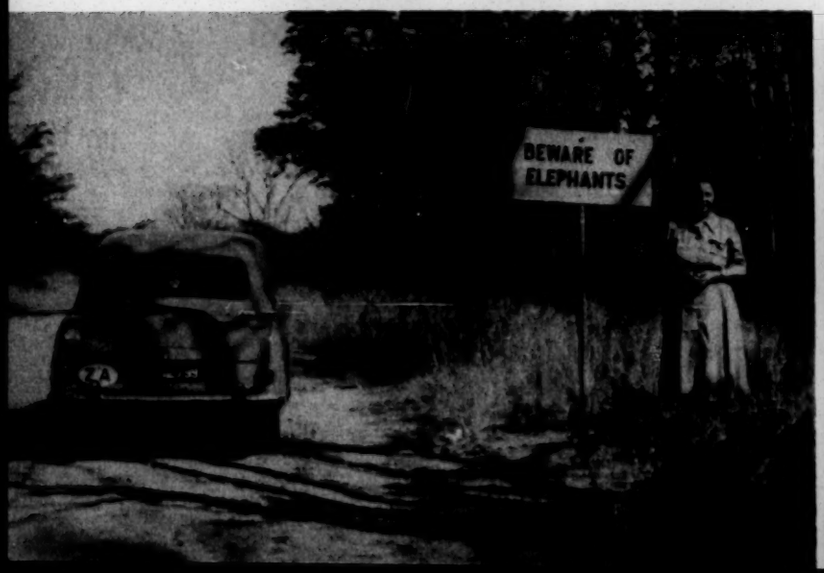
Cardinal Newman once wrote in a classic description of Advent: "Do you know the feeling of expecting a friend, expecting him to come and he delays?" To this question, all of us at Grailville answer una voce, "Yes!" For we have indeed experienced this feeling as we awaited the arrival of Lydwine van Kersbergen, president of the Grail in America. Delayed in Holland by the national catastrophe, she has now returned to the United States after a twelve-month tour of Africa and Europe.



Dr. van Kersbergen comes back deeply impressed by the human misery in the world, alive to the promise of Africa for the Church, stimulated and inspired by the European Renascence. "I have one conviction," she says, "THAT AMERICA MUST GIVE MORE. In the face of the tremendous suffering all over the world, God cannot bless the Church in America, the lay apostolate, if we do not give--of our material wealth, certainly, but also of our youth and vigor, our talents and energy in international service. The moment we give, we receive."

Soon after her return, Dr. van Kersbergen gave several lectures to the Year's School students on Africa. In order to investigate possibilities for lay mission teams, she set out with another Grail leader, Miss

FROM THE AFRICA ALBUM



Marguerite van Gilse, on a 12,000-mile trip through Southern and Northern Rhodesia, over the corrugated and pot-holed roads of Tanganyika and Kenya, on up to Uganda and then to Ruanda-Urundi and the great equatorial forests of Central Africa--covering over 80 mission stations and visiting some 20 bishops. On her way to Europe, Dr. van Kersbergen also visited Accra and Kumasi in the Gold Coast, and Lagos and Kano in Nigeria.

The automobile associations warned that such a trip was "hazardous and risky." But automobile associations seldom take into account the Providence of God. These two women set out unaccompanied in their little Ford car, counting heavily on the Guardian Angel of Africa, (although they admit there were times when they were terrified!). Once they mistook a footpath for the "road," and soon were lost in the jungle, with a herd of dangerous elephants close by. Unable to turn and retrace their route because of the dense jungle growth pressing close on either side, they could only drive forward. After four anxious hours, they came to an isolated hut and a young African who understood Swahili--which Dr. van Kersbergen had learned on the boat from a Protestant missionary. She was able to speak to him, and he led them to safety. On other occasions, elephants, giraffes, ostriches and buffalo crossed their path--and once two lions came uncomfortably close to the car.

"Time and again," she relates, "the address of a mission would be 'P.O. Box So-and-So' at a certain village. We would arrive there, exhausted and hungry, only to find that the mission actually was 30 or 40 miles further, out in the bush somewhere."

"But the overland trip was worth every bit of hardship to see the heroic work of the Catholic missionaries, to see whole tribes and peoples turning to Christianity in the heart of what was once darkest Africa. For example, one young African priest told how 80 years ago Uganda had only a handful of Catholics--and now they are a million strong in that country alone."

The unrest and racial tension we hear so much about in the news of the day are very real problems, Lydwine van Kersbergen assured us, especially in South Africa where the complex political situation has reached a boiling point. But on the whole, she believes the African people are still open and are not embittered. Leaders of the Church in Africa are strongly convinced that lay apostles must come--and soon. The tide of Mohammedanism sweeping down from the North, the insidious invasion of Communism which works behind the scenes to exploit the unrest of the people, make expansion of mission activity doubly urgent.

"There is an intense desire among the African young women to learn," she told us. "It is not a question of our going to lead them. Rather, the need is for American women of capacity and stature, who can work hand in hand with the African people in solving their problems of disease and malnutrition, initiating better methods of agriculture, meeting the great social problems brought on by the rapid industrialization, building Christian homes and communities on the basis of an African culture.

But these leaders must go with deep love, and with no least feeling of superiority. In a land so mysterious, so untouched by man, so complex that it is impossible to generalize about the least aspect of its life, lay apostles from other countries must for a long time study, watch, observe, listen, read...and sink their roots deeply. On the other hand, the possibilities are tremendous--the Grail has urgent requests to place teachers and administrators in the African universities, to manage hospitals, to set up schools of nursing and midwivery, social service, teacher training and home economics; for experts in agriculture and in planning and building homes; for musicians who can help preserve the African heritage of music and dance." A second Africa-team, Miss Marie Therese McDermit of Nanty-Glo, Pa., and Miss Rita Josten of Milwaukee, leaves the Lay Mission School for Africa in late April. We promise that you will hear more about the plans in Africa.

SOUTH AMERICAN SURVEY

Now for a bit of news of other Grail leaders around the world. In early January, Miss Josephine Drabek and Miss Priscilla Rivera sailed to South America to attend the first Latin American Congress on Rural Life in Manizales, Colombia, a wondrous Spanish city atop the Andes mountains. For seven days the leaders of the Latin American Church discussed openly and realistically the pressing social problems which face them. After the Congress, Josephine and Priscilla set off on an extended tour of the west coast--first to Lima, and then to Santiago, Molina and Talca in Chile, and back again to the Altiplano of Peru with its magnificent remains of the ancient Inca civilization. With their background in rural sociology, they were particularly interested in gaining an understanding of agricultural conditions, and visited farms of all types, Point IV experimental stations and schools of agriculture. Josephine and Priscilla return to Grailville to complete their preparations for future work in South America. Their three-month trip has served the double purpose of surveying the possibilities for lay mission work on the South American continent, and preparing them to assist in the Lay Mission Seminar this summer at Grailville, which will be concentrated especially on South America and Africa.

NEW GRAIL CENTER IN MANHATTAN

Back to this continent! Will you by any chance be in New York this spring? If so, I would suggest you walk up Fifth Avenue from St. Patrick's to 55th St., and turn left. Just half a block off the avenue you will find No. 46, a handsome grey stone building. Yes, this is the new INTERNATIONAL STUDENT CENTER, which after several years of preparation has been officially launched with the permission of Cardinal Spellman. The headquarters occupy the top floor of this five-story building. Staffing the center under the leadership of Miss Dolores Brien, recently returned from two years study in Europe, are Miss Mary Jadez, a native New Yorker and feeling very much at home, Miss Marie Mohr of Kansas and Miss Cecilia Lee from Shantung, China. Also working closely with the center while studying at St. John's University and Fordham, are Miss Ha-leen Fong and Miss Mary Ruth Wong. The 31,000 foreign students in this country represent a

great potential of world leadership in our midst. The Grail center will offer hospitality and friendship to these foreign students, help them profit from their stay in America and open to them their key role in the conversion of their homelands. A full program is already underway.

GRAIL SPONSORS EUROPEAN TOUR

The spiritual rebirth which is so manifestly taking place in Europe has captured all of us. We have read eagerly the works of Cardinal Suhard, Jean Danielou, Yves Congar, Henri de Lubac and Abbe Michonneau. Now this summer, the Grail is sponsoring a unique TOUR OF EUROPE. From the 27th of June until August 18, young American women will have the opportunity of meeting the lay apostolate at work in France, Italy, Germany and Holland. Those participating will have a chance to actually live and work with the lay leaders of the various movements, and to form lasting friendships with the French, Dutch, German and Scotch students who will join the American contingent. Highlights of the itinerary include: ten days in Paris with a specially arranged program to catch the vigorous intellectual and spiritual awakening of France; a week in Rome climaxed by an audience with the Holy Father; a short trip to Florence and Assisi; then off to Germany through Austria, Bavaria and the Brenner Pass; a steamer trip up the Rhine; a ten-day visit to centers in Holland and a week's participation in an international camp with young women from all parts of Europe at the Grail headquarters near Amsterdam. The tour will be conducted by Benedicte Milcent, French Grail leader and former president of Pere Jean Danielou's Cercle St. Jean Baptiste. A descriptive folder with full details will be sent on request.

SUMMER -- 1953

All this news of Africa, South America and Europe will give you a clue to the trend of our plans for the Summer of 1953. One of our first tasks here in America is to produce lay leaders who can play an effective part in the apostolate on an international level, whether they work at home or abroad. AMERICA MUST GIVE MORE makes an effective theme and objective for each course and seminar. Within the framework of the world apostolate, full six-week's seminars (July 8 to August 16) will explore opportunities in art and culture, family service, the lay mission apostolate, woman and the land, the apostolate of music and the role of international students. Several one-week and weekend courses also are planned. We have invited outstanding scholars and leaders who are vitally interested in the world-mission of the Church to share their vision with us. Our understanding and appreciation of other cultures will be deepened by an interchange of Grail leaders from other nations and the arrival of students from Africa, South America, Mexico, China, Europe, the Philippines, Cuba and French Canada. The Summer Program is just out; if you have not yet received a copy, we will be glad to send you one.

AMERICA MUST GIVE MORE!

NOW IS THE ACCEPTABLE TIME!

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April 16, 1953

Miss Jeanne Plante
Grailville
Loveland, Ohio

Dear Jeanne Plante:

I am truly grateful to you and all the Grailville family for the kindest and most attentive of hospitality and for a visit delightful in every way.

A day and a morning don't amount to a proper retreat, but I am benefited none the less by that link with the sincerity and high purpose of all your group.

Alice seized with delight upon that loaf---home grown, home ground, home baked, and with a delightful aroma of good wheat and good grain.

Appreciatively,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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HOWARD KESTER, *Executive Secretary*
BLACK MOUNTAIN, NORTH CAROLINA

May 19. 1953

Dear George:

This hasty note will bring you my personal and "official" thanks for your great and good help in connection with our recent conference in Atlanta. What you had to say was, as always, timely and enormously helpful to us all. I only wish we could have provided you with a larger hearing.

If you can find the time to provide me with a summary I'll be even so grateful as I want to include your statement in the summer issue of P.R. (Prophetic Religion).

I still believe you are a damn good churchman and a far better Christian than most of us and I, together with a host of others, continuously thank God for you as a person and for all that you are doing to build a sane society. I respect your feeling about signing the statement of principles but I shall continue to have recourse to you for counsel and guidance.

Alice leaves for Boston where she is to be hospital chaplain for architects on Friday so I have my hands pretty full and must close for now. We hold and our warm thanks for your help.

Our love to you

"Howard"

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HOWARD KESTER, *Executive Secretary*
BLACK MOUNTAIN, NORTH CAROLINA

April 21, 1953

Dear Friend:

This is by way of postscript to our previous letter regarding the area conference of the Fellowship of Southern Churchmen which will be held in Atlanta on May 4-6, 1953. Our concern to provide a forum for the consideration of the vital and compelling issues now confronting our Protestant churches in the South has evoked warm and widespread interest on the part of pastors, theological students, religious workers, and laymen. We therefore covet the privilege of sharing these days with you and other committed Christians.

In order to appraise the swift-moving changes affecting profoundly the total social and religious fabric of our society, we have secured some of the most dedicated and competent persons available for these three days. Among them are the following: Dr. McLeod Bryan, author, professor at Mercer University, and outstanding leader among Southern Baptists; Dr. George Mitchell, Director of the Southern Regional Council, who knows the forces of good and evil in the region as he knows the fingers of his own hand; the Reverend David Burgess whose unique ministry to organized labor through the CIO has set a high standard for Christian leadership in a difficult field; Dr. B. E. Mays, President of Morehouse College, recent Vice-President of the National Council of Churches and a delegate to the meeting of the World Council in India, whose singular devotion to keeping sharp the pioneering edge in race relations has made him beloved and respected throughout the land; Dr. Clarence Jordan, of the Koinonia Farms near Americus, Georgia, whose combination of spiritual discernment and agricultural "know-how" has challenged folk across the country; Tom Johnson of Macon whose effective skill in the law has made him the friend of the oppressed and needy. What more does the day require . . . and yet there are others who will share these days with us.

Let us say here that in addition to the analysis of current issues and problems, we shall devote much time to the critical examination of strategy as it applies to regional and local programs of work and action.

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The first meeting will be addressed by McLeod Bryan at Morehouse College at 7:30 P.M. on May 4. Thereafter, the meetings will be held at the Luckie Street YMCA. For further information, address this office or write or call either of the following:

Dr. Melvin Watson, Morehouse College, Atlanta - AM 4850
Rev. Dave Burgess, 1391 Sheridan Road, N. E. - EX 6175

If you wish us to secure overnight accommodations for you, please let us know your wishes as promptly as possible.

Registration will be between 6:00 and 7:30 P.M. at Morehouse College on Monday evening, May 4. Tuesday morning session begins at 9:30 at the YMCA.

In closing, may I urge your attendance and say that we extend a cordial invitation to these meetings to all those who are concerned in a democratic, non-violent, Christian approach to social change.

Please note the enclosed program.

Sincerely yours,

Howard Kester

PROGRAM OF THE AREA CONFERENCE
THE FELLOWSHIP OF SOUTHERN CHURCHMEN
MOREHOUSE COLLEGE AND LUCKIE STREET YMCA, ATLANTA, GEORGIA
MAY 4-6, 1953

General Theme: "THE PROTESTANT CHURCH IN A CHANGING SOUTH"

Purpose: To analyze present and emerging problems and forces in the region, and to seek practical democratic and Christian strategies and steps in their solution.

For Whom: Pastors, theological students, teachers, and religious workers, and other persons of known Christian conviction and concern.

Monday Evening, May 4, at Morehouse College
6;30 - 7:30 P. M. Registration
7:30: Address - "Our Churches Must Face These Problems."
Dr. McLeod Bryan, Mercer University, Macon, Ga.
Discussion
Worship
Informal Fellowship Hour

Tuesday Morning, May 5, at Luckie Street YMCA
9:30 A.M.: Address - "Some Present and Emerging Problems in the South" - Dr. George Mitchell, Southern Regional Council
Discussion
Address - "The Law and Social Change" - Mr. Tom Johnson, Attorney-at Law, Macon, Georgia
11:30 - 12:30: Discussion and Workshops
12:30: Lunch

Tuesday Afternoon, May 5, at Luckie Street YMCA
2:00 P.M.: Address - "Some Practical Implications of our Changing Rural Economy" - Dr. Clarence Jordan, Americus, Ga.
Discussion and Workshops

Tuesday Evening, May 5, at Luckie Street YMCA
7:30 P.M.: Address - "Impressions of India and the Impact of American Christianity (or the lack of it) on the non-white world"- Dr. B. E. Mays, Morehouse College
Discussion

Wednesday Morning, May 6, at Luckie Street YMCA
9:30 A.M.: Address - "A Program for Christians"
(Speaker to be announced)
Summary of Proceedings. . . Resolutions and Recommendations, if any.
Commemoration of the Lord's Supper
11:30: Adjournment

(For further information address
The Fellowship of Southern Churchmen,
Black Mountain, North Carolina)

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HOWARD KESTER, *Executive Secretary*
BLACK MOUNTAIN, NORTH CAROLINA

Apr. 19

Dear George:

Here is a copy of the program for our Atlanta conference; also the covering letter.

I am sending down some additional copies to your office in the hope that your secretary, Emily, can pass them out. It would help a lot. We are deeply grateful for your willingness to help us. I hope the topic assigned won't crowd you and that it is sufficiently elastic to give you ample elbow room. See you soon.

Warmest regards

Howard

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HOWARD KESTER, *Executive Secretary*
BLACK MOUNTAIN, NORTH CAROLINA

March 26, 1953

Dear Friend:

At the urging of several pastors and teachers in theological seminaries across the South, the Fellowship of Southern Churchmen is calling together a few score ministers, teachers, laymen and other religious workers to consider some of the crucial problems confronting the Protestant churches of the region in this period of unprecedented change.

The enormous expansion of industry, the mechanization and diversification of agriculture, the imminent change in the pattern of race relations, the breaking down of the one-party system, the growing threat to the freedom of the pulpit point to all concerned Christians the necessity for wide sharing, stimulation, and mutually sustained action across denominational and racial lines. In the light of a growing caution and fear, many of us are concerned lest we lose the pioneering edge which has been so heartening during the past few years. Moreover, we are troubled and perplexed as to "the how" of social change in these difficult times. Therefore, one of the objectives of the two forthcoming conferences will be that of trying to work out sound Christian strategies on both the regional and local levels.

Your name has been given to us - by a former teacher or colleague - as one who would wish to share in such a conference. Hence this personal invitation to you to attend either the conference in Nashville or Atlanta, or both.

The first of these conferences will be held at Bethany Hills, near Nashville, on April 23-25. T. B. ("Scotty") Cowan, of Everybody's Church, Lexington, Kentucky, Gene Smathers of Big Lick, Tennessee, Dean William Faulkner of Fisk University, Gid Fryer of the U. T. School of Social Work, Richard Heaton of the Vanderbilt Christian Association, Alva Taylor, and many others will be on hand to serve as platform speakers and consultants. There will be no registration fee and the Fellowship will provide lodging for all. Members of the conference will be asked to share in the cost of meals which will be modest. Registration will be at Wesley Foundation, Broadway at 21st Street, in Nashville on Thursday afternoon, April 23, from one to three o'clock. Transportation to the conference grounds will

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be provided by the Nashville Group of the Fellowship. The conference will adjourn immediately after breakfast on Saturday morning.

The second conference will be held in Atlanta on May 4-6. Dr. MacLeod Bryan of Mercer University will speak at the opening session at Morehouse College on Monday evening. All other sessions will be held at the Atlanta Y.M.C.A. on Luckie Street. George Mitchell, Dave Burgess, B. E. Mays, Albert Barnett, Melvin Watson, and others will be on hand as platform speakers and consultants. There will be no registration fee but conference members are requested to care for their own lodging and meals. If you want our help in securing accommodations at minimum costs, please let us know.

We can assure you, I believe, a most stimulating experience with fellow ministers and laymen from many of the southern states. Please use the enclosed card to let us know whether you wish to receive further information, whether you expect to attend, and at which of the conferences we may expect you.

Sincerely yours,

Howard Kester

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February 11, 1953

Mr. Howard Kester
Fellowship of Southern Churchmen
Route 1
Black Mountain, N. C.

Dear Buck:

I'm okay now on my April commitments. I can be in Atlanta certainly on the morning of the 21st, but would hate to lock an evening engagement on the 21st, as I have got to be up in North Carolina the 22nd, 23rd, and 24th.

The North Carolina trip will knock me out of the Nashville conference April 23-25, though by some desperate scrambling, I guess I could be in Nashville by the 25th if need be.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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The Fellowship of Southern Churchmen

"...To preach the gospel to the poor, to heal the broken-hearted, to preach deliverance to the captive, and recovery of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised, to preach the acceptable year of the Lord."

HOWARD KESTER, *Executive Secretary*
BLACK MOUNTAIN, NORTH CAROLINA

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January 29, 1953

Dear George:

My warm thanks for your recent letter in which you indicated that you would be glad to give us some help in connection with our conference for ministers et al in Atlanta on April 20-22. At the time you also indicated that there might be a possible conflict with another meeting in South Carolina. Have you been able to clear on this, and if so, can we put you down for an address on April 21? As I see the program now you could have the morning platform period at approximately 9:30 or the evening at approximately 8:00. Would you mind indicating which you would prefer.

I will either write you in detail re the set-up or ask Dave Burgess to drop by and do it for me.

I want to get out some initial publicity in about ten days and would therefore be obliged for some word at your earliest convenience.

Our conference in Nashville falls on April 23-25. Could you make this too? We are trying to arrange to have the conference in one of the white churches or at the new Methodist headquarters. I believe we will have a good turnout of good and solid folk.

Will get the resolution passed this week-end.

As ever,

"Buck"

Howard Kester

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May 25, 1953

Mr. George Guernsey
Associate Director in Charge of Education
Congressof Industrial Organizations
718 Jackson Place, N. W.
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear George:

Here I am back in the office, with Abbott whereabouts also waiting for his plane to Akron. There were some more fireworks at the institute, but all ended in jollity. That is about as deep Southern a group as you are going to get together, and I think, on the whole, they did pretty well in taking the things they have to hear. Anyway, I had a good time and a lot of good food and company.

I don't know what to charge you. I think $25.00 a day would be, maybe, fair. So if you want to make it $125.00 for the five days, plus the travel, I would be very grateful. If you had lesser ideas as to the cost, say so, and write the check accordingly.

My travel was 173 miles. My car gets over the ground for a cash expense of one cent a mile. So if you want to run it out at about five cents a mile, fair enough.

I enjoyed your good staff.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:ec
Dictated May 23

May 27, 1953

Mother M. Constance
Mission Helpers of the Sacred Heart
1001 W. Joppa Rd.
Towson 4, Md.

Dear Mother Constance:

I will be arriving in Baltimore about 1:00 p. m. (Eastern Daylight Saving Time), and as agreed, will arrive at the convent twelve or fifteen minutes before 3:00 p.m. for the talk to the sisters.

Do be certain that there will be a largish and well lighted blackboard available in the meeting place.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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April 30, 1953

Mother M. Constance
Mission Helpers of the Sacred Heart
1001 W. Joppa Rd.
Towson 4, Md.

Dear Mother Constance:

I will be on hand at some minutes before three o'clock on Monday, June 8.

Please get someone to see to it that in the place where we will meet there will be a largish blackboard, tolerably well lit.

I look forward greatly to being with the Mission Helpers that afternoon.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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MOTHERHOUSE AND
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Adveniat Regnum Tuum

Mission Helpers of the Sacred Heart

1001 West Joppa Road, Towson 4, Md.

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April 18, 1953

Dear Doctor Mitchell:

Thank you for your kind note.

Three o'clock on the afternoon of June 8th will be perfectly satisfactory for your address. We assure you of a most cordial welcome.

With our prayerful wishes, I am

Very sincerely yours in the Sacred Heart,

Mother M. Constance

Doctor George S. Mitchell
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

SRC 3/5

March 31, 1953

Mother M. Constance
Mission Helpers of the Sacred Heart
1201 W. Joppa Rd.
Towson 4, Md.

Dear Mother Constance:

I suggest that you pick a date between June 5 and 12, and I can couple the Baltimore trip with going on to New York. I am a sometime Johns Hopkins man and know my way to Towsen, and it would be a great pleasure to have the opportunity to talk before the Sisters.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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cc. Bishop Waters

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Adveniat Regnum Tuum

Mission Helpers of the Sacred Heart

1001 West Joppa Road, Towson 4, Md.

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March 23, 1953

Dear Doctor Mitchell:

We have just received a letter from His Excellency, Bishop Waters, informing us of your gracious offer to come to the Motherhouse in Towson to address the Sisters.

You will receive a most cordial welcome at any time. However, we have a great number of our Sisters here at our house of studies as follows:

Between June 5th and 12th; Between June 19th and 27th;
Between June 29th and August 8th; and
Between August 15th and September 1st.

If any of these dates will be convenient, we will be happy to have the Sisters receive the help which we are confident you can give them.

With our prayerful wishes, I am

Very sincerely yours in the Sacred Heart,

Mother M. Constance

Doctor George S. Mitchell
Southern Regional Council
Atlanta, Georgia

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Belmont, North Carolina

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Regional Council

May 28, 1953

Dr. George S. Mitchell
Executive Director
Southern Regional Council
63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta 3, Ga.

Dear Dr. Mitchell:

Thank you very much for your letter of May 27.

There will be someone to meet you at the airport when you arrive on June 1, and we shall be very happy to have you as our guest here at the college that night.

Father Cuthbert sends his kind regards, and I look forward to meeting you at that time.

Cordially,

Gilbert J. Farley

Gilbert J. Farley
Director of Public Relations

GJF/r

Help to Build a Greater Belmont Abbey College

THE SEVENTY-FIFTH ANNUAL
COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES

of

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and

PREPARATORY SCHOOL

Belmont, North Carolina

SUNDAY, MAY THIRTY-FIRST
to
TUESDAY, JUNE SECOND
NINETEEN HUNDRED FIFTY-THREE

BACCALAUREATE SERVICES_____SUNDAY, MAY 31

9:45 A.M. Academic Procession

10:00 A.M. Baccalaureate Mass in the Abbey Cathedral
Proper: The Abbey Schola
Ordinary: The Monk's Choir
Sermon: The Very Rev. Maurice V. Shean, C.O., Provost of the Oratory of Saint Philip

COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES_____TUESDAY, JUNE 2

The Right Reverend Vincent G. Taylor, O.S.B., DD., LL.D.
Abbot-Ordinary and President, Presiding

9:45 A.M. Academic Procession

10:00 A.M. Solemn Benediction in the Abbey Cathedral

10:30 A.M. Solemn Academic Convocation (Haid Gymnasium)

The Academic Procession

Musical Selection_____Cathedral Organist

The Valedictory_____Dominic R. Preston

The Presentation of Degrees, Diplomas, and Awards

Musical Selection_____ Cathedral Organist

The Address to the Graduates__Mr. George S. Mitchell, Ph.D., Executive Director of the Southern Regional Council

The Academic Recession (All will proceed to the Flag Pole in front of the Administration Building)

The Class Flag Ceremony

The National Anthem

GRADUATES OF 1953

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THE BACHELOR of ARTS DEGREE is CONFERRED UPON:

Ignatius Stanley Klosek, O.S.B.----------Belmont, North Carolina

Dominic Robert Preston, O.S.B.----------Belmont, North Carolina

Gerard Peter White----------Charlotte, North Carolina

THE PREPARATORY SCHOOL DIPLOMA IS CONFERRED UPON:

Paul Sylvester Abromavage----------Trenton, New Jersey

Miguel Arturo Baguer-Bosque----------Havana, Cuba

Donald Wallace Barkley----------Gastonia, North Carolina

John William Borrini---------- Camden, South Carolina

John Colin Campbell---------- Independence, Virginia

Steve Allen Davis, Jr.----------Belmont, North Carolina

Milton Pierre Dawson, Jr.----------Rocky Mount, North Carolina

Samuel J. Hagley, Jr.----------Belmont, North Carolina

Jesus Lalana-Ruiz----------Victoris de las Tunas, Cuba

Thomas Francis Lydon----------Parris Island, South Carolina

John Robert Mercer----------Gastonia North Carolina

Humberto Felix Prieto-Coello----------Havana, Cuba

Edward Joseph Quigley----------Charlotte, North Carolina

Thomas Llewellyn Shaw---------- Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Robert Bailey Suggs, III----------Belmont, North Carolina

John Lambert Waldron----------Charlotte, North Carolina

George Edward Younginer----------Columbia, South Carolina

The National Anthem

O say can you see by the dawn's early light,
What so proudly we hail'd at the twilight's last gleaming?
Whose broad stripes and bright stars, thro' the perilous fight,
O'er the ramparts we watched, were so gallantly streaming?
And the rocket's red glare, the bombs bursting in air,
Gave proof thro' the night that our flag was still there.
O say does that Star-Spangled Banner yet wave
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave?

The Alma Mater Hymn

Hail! Alma Mater, hail dear ol' Abbey,
We are thy sons and thee we love;
Faithful we'll always be
Strengthened in loyalty—
With help from above

Abbey all-beautiful, we are thy dutiful
Sons from all climes both far and near;
Oh, may we honor thee,
Living full nobly
Without shame or fear.

Senior College Graduates To Receive A.B. Degrees June 2

In the Haid Gymnasium on June 2, the Rt. Rev. Vincent G. Taylor, O.S.B., President of Belmont Abbey College will confer the degree of Bachelor of Arts upon three students. Although the full-four-year expansion program will not be completed until next June, these three—all transfer students from other colleges—will constitute the first graduates under the new senior college plan.

Gerard J. P. White, of Charlotte, N. C., a transfer from Queens College is a Sociology major and plans to teach; Frater Ignatius S. Klosek O.S.B., a Sociology major, and Frater Dominic R. Preston, O.S.B., a Philosophy major, are both priesthood students, transfers from St. Benedict's College in Kansas. Fr. Ignatius is from South Amboy, N. J. and Fr. Dominic is from Richmond, Va.

The Baccalaureate Mass will be celebrated in the Abbey Cathedral on May 31 with the Very Rev. Maurice V. Shean, C.O., delivering the sermon. Father Shean has been associated with The Catholic Committee of the South since 1945 and has acted as Chairman of its Industrial Relations Department, and as General Chairman. At present, he is Provost of The Oratory at Rock Hill, S. C.

Dr. George S. Mitchell will be the principal speaker at the graduation exercises on June 2. He is, at present, the Executive Director of the Southern Regional Council. Dr. Mitchell received his Ph.D. from Johns Hopkins U., was a Rhodes scholar, and is the co-author of two books on Labor in the South. He was an instructor in economics at Columbia U., was regional director for the Resettlement Administration and later served as assistant administrator of the Farm Security Administration.

FR. IGNATIUS KLOSEK, O.S.B.

GERARD J. P. WHITE

FR. DOMINIC PRESTON, O.S.B.

Candidates Appear Before Exam Board

The first examination board in the history of the college was held Friday, May 22 and Saturday May 23 in the Library faculty room for examining senior students seeking a Bachelor of Arts Degree, The Very Rev. Bernard L. Rosswog, Rector, announced.

Each major field of study, followed by a minor field, had a different examining board and board chairman.

The board for examining students seeking a Bachelor of Arts degree in History with a minor in Business Administration consisted of Fr. Joseph as Chair-

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DR. GEORGE S. MITCHELL

FR. MAURICE V. SHEAN, C.O.

Summary Of Council's Activities Presented

By Dick McCluney

The 1952-53 College Student Council has been one of the most active in the past several years. A brief summary of the council's activities is herein presented in order that the work of this body may be recognized.

One of the first accomplishments of this year's council was the securing of time on a local radio station, WGNC in Gastonia, and the sponsoring of a weekly radio program. Under the capable supervision of Mr. Gilbert Farley, faculty advisor, and Bill Cunningham, our student announcer, this program has been presented each Tuesday afternoon throughout the school year.

Panel Discussion Successful

The Student Council also selected and sponsored panel discussion groups who spoke on the radio during National Education Week and National Brotherhood Week. The Education panel was composed of Bill Cunningham, '56, Jim Ros, '55, Bill Ach, '54, Jerry White, '53, and had as announcer Richard McCluney, '55. The Brotherhood panel group, in addition to radio broadcast, spoke at Reid High School, Belmont High School, Mount Holly High School, and Gastonia High School. This group was composed of Hoke Brittain, '55, representing the South, Jack Noble, '54, representing the North, Phil Sha, '54, a Chinese representative, Jerry White, '53, a Catholic, Gerald Sinkoe, '56, representing the Jewish faith, Richard McCluney, '55, a Protestant and was moderated by Bill Cunningham, '56. These boys are all Abbeymen, and presented a true showing of Brotherhood. This group was under the direction of Herman Parnell, our capable Student Council vice-president.

Need Of Parking Facilities

It was following a letter from the student council to the Abbot in which it was stated that the students saw and recognized the difficulties of the parking situation on campus that work was begun on our recently completed parking lot. Although this letter was not wholly responsible for the action taken, it did prove that the students saw the difficulties and passed the information on to the proper authority.

This year's council was composed of Richard McCluney, president, Herman Parnell, vice-president, Carroll Thomas, secretary, and Bill Brain, treasurer. Other representatives were Ray McDermott, John C. Johnson, Bill Cunningham, Hoke Brittain, Steve Naso, Joe Bumgardner and Jer-

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A Fitting Tribute For Progress

Now that the close of the academic year is at hand, it may be fitting that a tribute be paid to Belmont Abbey College for the progress that She has made during the year.

Aside from the various material changes undergone, since last September, the Abbey has still progressed. The greatest of these changes of course, is the transformation from a Junior to a Senior College. This event has affected not only the immediate area in which the college is located, but the Southeast in general. More of Her graduates of 1951 and 1952 are returning to complete their education here and others are either transferring from other colleges or are retransferring. All in all, the Abbey's prestige has grown and will continue to grow in the future.

Highlighting the first year of the Abbey's transformation was the Seventy-Fifth Aniversary Jubilee Celebration commemorating the founding of this institution. During the Symposium which took place on the final day of the celebration the Very Rev. Robert J. Gannon stated that the Abbey stands out among other institutions by stressing objective truth. In order to change the world for better there is a need for more Liberal Arts Colleges, thus making it possible for the spread of objective truth. Fortunately the Abbey is one of these few colleges that stress such an education. With the addition of the Classics course next year, more emphasis than ever on general culture will prevail, thus expanding the Abbey's curriculum.

These are a few of the Abbey's developments since the opening of the 52-53 academic year. With these changes that have so recently taken place, Belmont Abbey will have much to look forward to in later years. She has come a great distance and has accomplished much within these seventy-five years and with God's help She will continue to do so.

Gratias Agimus Tibi

In the life span of man, from birth to death, he is to a greater or lesser degree a product of his training and environment. In the process of growth he is nourished physically, mentally, and morally, and, dependent on the degree of cooperation extended on his part, the change from childhood to manhood and maturity is affected. But the transition is not as simple as can be imagined, and the students of Belmont Abbey College, fortunate beyond recognition, have at their disposal an institution devoted to the development of the physical, mental and moral qualities so necessary to a mature man.

Surrounded by the Christian principles on which this institution was founded, stand the men who have made these principles into a dynamic reality. Far more than teachers, they have been big brothers united to us through the spiritual bond of Christian charity, counseling and guiding us in the ways of knowledge and virtue. Because of their influence and example, we are enriched beyond measure. And so it is to these men who have devoted themselves to a life of service to others that we, the students of Belmont Abbey College, offer a sincere, humble and heartfelt thanks.

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ALUMNI NOTES

This will be our last column for the school year and perhaps for good. It is our hope that beginning in September an **Alumni NEWS LETTER** can be issued bi-monthly throughout the entire year. I certainly would like to hear your expressions concerning this and, also, any news you might have about your progress and family. By sending any news directly to the Alumni Office here at the college the entire alumni group will know about it.

A recent letter from **Joseph J. Schlosser, '09,** in the District of Columbia tells us that he is now a registered Architect there. Since his departure from the Abbey, he has raised a large family—five boys and five girls, five of whom are married.

Congratulations to **Hobart Joost, '40,** of Jacksonville, Florida on the arrival of a little girl on May 4. This makes the fourth youngster in his family—three girls and one boy. Hobart is also a member of our Advisory Board and the Vice President of H. C. Hare Co., in Jacksonville.

Enjoyed meeting **Rudy Franklin, '48,** and his charming wife on a recent visit through on their way to Atlanta. Rudy is just out of the service and is not sure yet what he is going to do.

New addresses:

Hubert Q. Fowler, '49
1516 N. Hobart
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John E. Pollock, '39
Box 125
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William Howard, '48
3800 West Avenue Apt G-4
Columbia, S. C.

Donald M. Rankin, '49
Bennettsville, S. C.

We plan to publish a list of contributors to the **Living Endowment Fund** in September so if you have not sent in your contribution—small or large—do so now so that your name will appear on the list. Also, if you have any suggestions concerning our alumni activities, drop me a line and tell me what you are thinking. And, above all, do keep us informed of your change of address and any other news of interest.

Our sincere felicitations to the **Rev. Robert E. Crowell, '21,** on the occasion of his 25th anniversary of his ordination to the holy priesthood. Father Crowell will celebrate a Solemn Mass of Thanksgiving in the Church of the Assumption, Brooklyn Heights New York at 11 o'clock on Sunday, May 31.

Gilbert J. Farley, '40
Alumni Director

Abbey Capable Of Selling Itself

By John Chesser

Since I have been attending the Abbey I have more or less taken it as an accepted fact that everyone knew about, and appreciated the Abbey for what it really is.

The other day a group of my friends and I were on a fishing trip about forty miles from the Abbey, and about fifteen miles from my hometown of Lancaster, S. C., when the subject of colleges was brought up, and of course I was doing my bit for the Abbey, I wasn't too surprised when questions like, "Where is the Abbey—What kind of school is it—What denomination is it—What fields of study does it offer, etc." were asked by my Protestant friends, but when I got the same questions from the three Catholic boys and girls with us I really began to wonder—Why hasn't the Abbey made contact with these potential students.

Salesmanship Principles Used

In my course of Salesmanship I was taught that in order to be a successful salesman you must first have a good product to sell. Knowing the Abbey as the good product I decided to put her to the test. We all loaded into our cars and drove to the Abbey, and with yours truly the guide we visited the Abbey and Sacred Heart College.

The next day I received telephone calls from the parents of the Catholic boys and girls; they wanted more information on the Abbey! They seemed to be pretty much sold on the idea of such a school for their children.

This proved to me that this school can be sold; all it takes is getting the prospective student to visit and have the Abbey ideals explained to them by someone who can truly appreciate Belmont Abbey College.

A Student's Opinion Nothing More

While dressing in the mornings
as the church bell sings aloud,
throughout the hall-awakened,
there's confusion of a crowd.

This paradox I think of, as I
listen to the noise, Knowing
soon my time will come, when
peaceful sleep's no choice.

That banging on the doors of all,
makes a knocking in my head,
and as that knock comes closer
still, I crawl drowsily from my
bed.

And I need not look out of my
room, 'tis that "player" on his
"daily stage,"

The one we know so very well,
who's dubbed "the Abbey
RAGE."

College Scholarship Established For Youths

A four-year, all-expense scholarship to Belmont Abbey College is to be awarded to the son of a member of the New Haven (Conn.) Police Department by Mr. Valentine B. Kane, a member of the college advisory board.

The scholarship has been established as a living memorial to Mr. Kane's son, Lt. Valentine B. Kane, Jr., who died in the South Pacific, August 18, 1943, while serving as an Air Force pilot. The son of any member of the Police Department may qualify, regardless of race or religion and includes tuition, room, board, books and transportation for four years.

Mr. Kane has been a member of the board of advisors for two years and was educated in Benedictine schools in Newark, New Jersey. He is the head of the Kane Industrial Service which provides all categories of labor, and commissary and temporary housing facilities for workers for large industrial concerns on a national basis. During the recent anniversary celebration, Mr. Kane came to Belmont to participate in the diamond jubilee.

VALENTINE B. KANE

CANDIDATES—
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man, Fr. Cuthbert, Fr. Anselm and Mr. Farley as board members.

The board for examining Sociology Majors with a minor in Philosophy consisted of Fr. Anselm, Chairman, Fr. Cuthbert, Fr. Bradley and Fr. Paul as members.

The Philosophy majors with a minor in Latin and Education were examined by Fr. Bradley and Fr. Paul with Fr. Sebastian serving as Chairman.

Fr. Cuthbert, and Fr. Anselm composed the examining board for Sociology majors and History minors with Fr. Bernard as Chairman.

Results Of Abbey Players Reviewed

By Bernard Snock

This has been a very lean year theatrically, the leanest in the past years for the Abbey Players. The number of presentations during the '52-'53 season was only two, as compared to four in the previous seasons.

"Rehearsal For Death," which raised the curtain for this season, was a "whodunit" type of play, and featured Miss Jude Harrison as Dodo, the scatterbrained society matron Charlie was played by Jack Noble, Carris, the janitress-custodian of the hall, was played by Miss Jane Abernathy. Miss Joan Brown portrayed Eve, the directress of the play. Bobby, an average boy of twelve, was played by Andy Vanore, Phil, the young man who tries to make good in a strange town, was played by George Younginer. An attractive girl who was engaged to Phil, was played by Miss Jenny Van de Water. Stella, a typical actress of the old school, was played by our comedienne, Miss Rosalind Picot. Bernie Snock played the part of Inspector Burke. Tom Rummler, the newcomer to the Abbey Players, was good as Carroll, Inspector Burke's assistant. Joe Sheenan, played the part of Herb, a well-to-do-business man. The cast was well rounded and adequate for the successful even ing of mystery, comedy and realentertainment.

Another Players First

The second, and last production of the players, was another first for them, and the year's best production. It was **"The Robe,"** dramatized by John McGreevey from the novel by Lloyd C. Douglas. The Players were fortunate to premiere this show in the area and deserve credit and praise for a superb production of the annual Lenten show. This indeed was a memorable occasion for our own thespians. The original cast calls for twenty-two players, but since the group is small this year, deserved credit must be given to the following for their portrayal of dual roles with marked ability: Jude Harrison as Diana Gallus and Phoebe Eupolis; J. Pat Hobbs as Melas and Stephanos; Joan Brown as Cornelia Gallio and Rhonda; Carolyn Heafner as Helen and Sarah; Tom Rummler as the Centurion Paulus and Simon Peter; William Cunningham as Pontius Pilate and Caligula; and Jenny Van de Water as Lucia Gallio and Salome.

We saw Carolyn Heafner, J. Pat Hobbs, Bill Cunningham, John Johnson, John Fischer, and Tom Burke make their debut appearances on the Abbey stage. Each in their own right proved to be good timber for future productions and much is expected of them in the following years while they are at the Abbey.

It was good to see Frank Creery back in harness and once again he proved that he was master of the situation. Frank was last seen as Brother Orchid, in the play of the same title. Mickey Walsh and Charlie Wade, old reliables and always dependable, saw service, and revealed commendable performances.

Men Behind The Scene

We should not forget the men behind the scenes, for they are as important as the members out on the stage. In the last production Dick McCluney acted as Stage Manager; Van Newland was in charge of the costumes; Dick Hendricks was the Technical Director, and Fred Behrends was the Musical Director.

As to the future, Mr. David J. Gorney, the Abbey Players' Director, reveals that there are four plays scheduled for the '53-'54 season. The opening show is definitely going to be "Mystery At Midnight;" the second production will be an Arena stage production, "Ma's New Husband;" the third show is styled as an "Evening With Shakespeare," in formal dress; the fourth annual production will be the Lenten show, which is as yet unknown. The Abbey Players will experiment with the Laboratory Theater next year and promise to stage plays of all ages and all types to those who show interest in this type of presentation. Scheduled also, will be the Abbey Players in Radio, giving interesting productions for the enjoyment [illegible]

Thus we bri[illegible] Gastonia High [illegible] group was compos[illegible] brighter [illegible] Brittain, '55, repre[illegible]ture for the South, Jack Noble,

Sponsors for the Annual Final dance held May 16 in the Haid Gym are pictured above with their escorts. Reading left to right Miss Virginia Jerman, Mr. Charlie Wade, Miss Joyce Blythe Mr. Rory Ros Miss Fay Gottlieb and Mr. Gerald Sinkoe.

Final Dance Meets With Much Success . .

The College Freshmen gave the Annual Final dance on May 16 in the Haid Gymnasium with Fleet Green and his orchestra furnishing the throng with his splendid mellow music. The 75th Anniversary Ball, which was the theme of the dance, was decorated in crimson and white, the Abbey's school colors.

During the intermission the Dean of Men, Fr. Cuthbert E. Allen, furnished the chaperones with some intertainment which comes under the title of the Annual Dean's party. His guests included the ladies of the receiving line Mrs. John Eck, Sr., Mrs. W. F. Frain, Miss P. Devant, Miss E. Klingmeyer, faculty members and approximately 30 couples, friends of the Abbey.

The Sponsors for the dance were: Mrs. Alice Simmons for LaVance Simmons, Miss Joyce Blythe for Rory Ros, Miss Virginia Jerman for Charles Wade, and Miss Fay Gottlieb for Gerald Sinkoe.

The heads of the dance committees were LaVance Simmons, Class President, Rory Ros, Decoration Chairman, Charles Wade, Ways and Means Chairman, and Gerald Sinkoe, Invitation Chairman.

STUDENT COUNCIL—
(Continued From Page 1.)

ry White. The faculty advisor was Mr. Gilbert J. Farley.

The student council had a committee composed of it's members which was active in the commemoration of our seventy-fifth anniversary. This committee func- [illegible] Dermott, Jen[illegible] faculty commit- Cunningham [illegible] of much assis- Naso, Joe Bum[illegible] celebration

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CONTACT
Belmont Abbey College
Belmont, N. C.

Form 3579 Requested

SPORTS ALL AROUND

By MANUEL BLAS

In a recent poll, commemorating the 75th jubilee celebration, conducted by Athletic Director Howard Wheeler, to select some of the Abbey greats from each sports since the first varsity team up to the 1952-1953 season, Luke Lenahan and Neb Hollis were among the elites.

Hollis, who had recently completed a tour of duty with the army, was selected from the 46-48 baseball club in which he was a member. While in the service, Hollis competed against such major league players as Sal Yvars, the Giants regular back stopper, and Johnny Antonnelli, Milwaukee Brave's young right-hander. These two men are now back with their respective clubs since their release early this year, while Hollis returned to the Abbey at the beginning of the second semester.

Physical Condition Necessary

The Crusader's regular leftfielder this season, Hollis is a modest, hard working lad, who believes in physical conditioning as a necessity for top flight playing.

A powerful hitter, and a fine fielder, he sparked the Crusaders throughout the season with his team spirit and hustling tactics. In victorious outing against Wingate, he climaxed an Abbey uprising by unloading a bases loaded triple which won the game. In next year's Crusaders, you can be sure to see Neb Hollis out in left field.

The unanimous choice representing the 52-53 Crusader quintet, was Luke Lenahan. This soft-spoken young man, who hails from South Amboy, N. J., the same town where the fabulous O'Brien twins of Seattle University are domiciled, established an individual scoring mark for himself this season by leading his teammates in that category.

When not playing in the pivot, he is seen at one of the forward spots, where his assortment of one-handed and jump shots worked effectively.

Ending Of Jinx For Abbey

Bobby Wells, the hardest working moundsman in this year's club, achieved an enviable feat by ending an jinx held by Oak Ridge over the Crusaders with his superbly six hit 6-2 victory here recently.

With the exception of four men, Coach Jack Hanahan's netters started the season with new prospects making their first serious attempt in tennis. Among these were Jim Ros, who rose rapidly, during the campaign, to notch down the number 5 spot, Ed Seay, the tireless retriever, at the number 6 Lavon Laye and several others.

Jack Hanahan built his team around such capable racquet-wielders as Porter Gibson whose big service, and crisp volleying at the net was a tremendous asset in his many wins; Frank Creery, who went undefeated throughout the campaign, and whose 6-2, 6-2 win over Tom Ray of Central, halting his eight-game winning streak, was the highlight of his undefeated skein; Frank Watkins, a fast improving netter, whose unexpected pairing w[illegible]ey Co[illegible]eay in the decisive doubles vic[illegible] as second class ma[illegible] Ridge caused Jack Hanahan t[illegible] N. C., October 14, 1939, under the [illegible] a capable, but sometim[illegible]ts reserved.

Th[illegible] Subscription: $2.00 per year [illegible]ompleted a successful spring season by winning six or eight starts. The climax victory over Oak Ridge here recently avenged an earlier season loss to the Cadets.

With the possible return of the present squad next year, the tennis team should be more stronger, and should offer stiff competition to new oponents.

With the signing of Albert (the General) McClellan as head mentor, this astute basketball tactician should have a lot of plans for the 6' 3" Lenahan next year.

A Student Speaks "Off The Record"

By Frank Creery

Item No. 1 . . . A controversial question that has arisen year after year, has been brought to the fore once again—namely, the annual INITIATION. This "ordeal" which is **enjoyed** yearly with the influx of additional students, in the form of freshman, is considered from many aspects near the closing of the school term. The revengeful "sophomores" of next year, in many instances, are betaken with a feeling of anxiety; whereas, from many other sources, it is becoming a frowned-upon tradition. No one is denying the fact that any tradition of a worthwhile nature should be clung to very tenaciously by the group from which the tradition became just that—a tradition. However, once the purpose behind the custom, (in this case, the initiation) is lost—either to the active participants, the passive recipients, or to both,—then, it is obvious, I would say, that the entire idea has been defeated. I prefer not to take sides in the argumentation, but I will say that unless (1) the initiates have been orientated as to the purpose for which they are being subjected to the initiation, unless (2) the initiators, themselves, know the purpose, and (3) unless there is the full co-operation and the proper administration, especially from the faculty, as well as the students, it would seem a gain, rather than a loss, if the tradition were done away with.

Item No. 2 . . . When a business sets its sights high and begins an expansion program, many of its old-fashioned customs and habits are discarded. The same is true when a new discovery or invention hits the market—a conventional America becomes a flock of sheep, and a "fad" today is a fashion tomorrow, astounding though it may seem. A certain vogue of the Abbey has come to my attention as a practice unfitting the expansion design which is well known to the students. It is trivial, in a sense, yet I feel it shows a disorder, a lack of system, a "something" that should be there, if the school is actually going to "shed its diapers," if you'll pardon the expression. Our mail procedure is far from what it should be if we're going to be a four-year college at all. This is in no way meant to be derogatory to the faculty members and persons who are in charge of this project—it is merely being brought out. I suggest that the installation of private mail boxes would solve this small, perhaps, but very significant just the same, mode of doing things. A charge for the key and use of the boxes would be small, but in due time, would cover the original costs of installing them

"A Meeting of Minds"

Item No. 3 . . . Can there be a "meeting of minds" next year between the Administration and the Student Council with regards to the rules governing the boarding students? This is a question on the tongues of many. No doubt there is a reason to back up seemingly "unjust" or "unfair" rules (in the eyes of this same, "many,") but should not the governed be told these reasons by those who govern them—justice is not something to hide, and though it is there, the very fact that so few understand the reason "why," it would seem imperative that the underlying elements of these laws be brought to the surface. If law makes a man free, is he supposed to know this, if he doesn't even know the "why" of the law? ? We have to accept the rules (if we want to come to school here), but why should they be so grudgingly accepted (which is the case)? If the rules are what they are supposed to be, if it makes a student a little more free, if it's a check on a young man's maturity —then is it asking too much to be told "why" ? ? ? ? Riddles, implications, and authority do not go together, and because they now do—this "meeting of minds" seems a long way off.

A Student Dance Fee

Item No. 4 . . . With the advent of the final dance, the soliciting brings to mind, the question of a Student Dance Fee which should be added to the bill of those attending Belmont Abbey, along with their other fees upon entrance. Think of the possibilities behind such a program! If a person has his money invested in anything, nine out of ten times, he will be sure to take advantage of his investment. Students who ordinarily would not attend the final dance would have a very good motive for going—and the success of such an affair depends very much on the attendance.

May 27, 1953

Mr. Gilbert J. Farley
Director of Public Relations
Belmont Abbey College
Belmont, N. C.

Dear Mr. Farley:

I can't make the trains gee very well for the trip up to Belmont and back. So I intend to fly. I'll go up on Flight 702 from Atlanta, leaving at 6:05 p. m. on June 1. This puts me at Charlotte at about 7:00, and I'll come in to town on the airport bus and take a bus on out to Gastonia and Belmont. I ought to reach the abbey by 8:30 p. m., and hope you can find me a bed for that night.

On the 2nd, I think the best thing to do is to leave Charlotte at 3:32 p. m. by plane.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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Dr. George S. Mitchell
Executive Director
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Dr. Mitchell:

We were very happy to learn from Father Cuthbert that you will be with us to address our graduates on June 2.

I would very much appreciate receiving from you as soon as possible some biographical material and a glossy photo of yourself for publicity purposes.

Thank you very much.

Sincerely yours,

Gilbert J. Farley

Gilbert J. Farley
Director of Public Relations

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Belmont Abbey College

Belmont, N. C.

Office of the Rector

May 7, 1953

Mr. George Mitchell
The Southern Regional Council, Inc.,
Room 432,
63 Auburn Ave., N. E.,
Atlanta 3, Ga.

Dear George:

I am writing you to request that you deliver the Commencement Address at our graduation exercises to be held on Tuesday morning, June second at ten o'clock. I sincerely hope that you will be free to accept this invitation because we are most anxious to have you as our speaker.

Indeed, I have so often attempted to get you to visit us. I have wished for an appropriate occasion that would, in some way, compel you to come. I hope this will be the time.

Abbot Vincent has requested me to write this invitation and on his return he will add his appeal also. Please write me and say "yes".

With deep sentiments of personal admiration, I am

Very sincerely,

Father Cuthbert, O.S.B.

(Rev.) Cuthbert E. Allen, O.S.B.
Dean

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June 16, 1953

Miss Doris V. Wilson
National Student YWCA
Wesley Memorial Bldg.
Atlanta, Ga.

Dear Miss Wilson:

I was to write you something about my workshop.

I lectured to them three days in a row the first three days, giving very little time for questions. In those three days they seemed to me good about listening, but I had the feeling that my words were sinking into foam rubber.

On the fourth day I told them I was anxious to get them to take part in a real workshop procedure, and I got them to elect hastily a chairman, and I sat with the crowd and tried merely to take part as an informed adviser to the group. That went much better, and they spoke up. Did the same thing the last day, and it also worked well.

On the first day, I made various assignments of bits of things for people to read--mostly things out of NEW SOUTH. They studied these things hard and were well prepared to make five-minute talks on them. Did what everybody does. Lost themselves in small details and didn't get the juice out. But it made it easier to tell the group the juice.

Suggestion. On a five-day workshop in the future, the teacher might well use the first two days only on laying down a heavy background of fact. About the second day he ought to get the group to elect a chairman and, say, a committee of three people from the class. And the instructor ought to meet separately with that committee for at least a few minutes on the second and third days, and later if need be, and sound out the group's ideas. And the chairman should preside at all meetings after the second meeting.

Good scheme to make assignments of work on the first day.

I thought in the end they came through very well. Peach of a group, and I thank you all for letting me be there.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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May 4, 1953

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YWCA
National Board
600 Lexington Avenue
New York 22, N. Y.
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To: George Mitchell

From: Doris V. Wilson

Thanks very much for your letter. We shall expect you at Blue Ridge on Wednesday morning, June 10. We shall do our best to find adequate housing for you and your wife at the conference. We are looking forward to seeing you.

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April 30, 1953

Miss Doris V. Wilson
National Student Secretary
Southern Region, YWCA
Wesley Memorial Bldg.
Atlanta, Ga.

Dear Miss Wilson:

It's all right about the YM-YWCA meeting at Blue Ridge. I can be there quite certainly from the morning of the 10th--well before the morning session--and will stay as long as you absolutely have to have me. It will be hard for me to get there the night of June 9, because I have to be in Baltimore the day before.

I expect Mrs. Mitchell will come along with me. So when you are dickering with the room people at Lee Hall, will you try to get us pleasant accomodations? I will foot the conference fee for Alice.

There aren't any books that are really very good on what I'm going to be teaching. I will bring along some free pamphlet material from SRC to hand out to people and make them work over.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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Dear Dr. Mitchell:

This comes to confirm our telephone conversation regarding the Southern Regional Conference of the Student YMCA-YWCA on June 9-16 at Blue Ridge, North Carolina. We are pleased that you will be able to accept leadership for the workshop on Economic Change in the South. I am enclosing a flyer on the conference, and the regional newsletter which is being prepared now will be sent to you later this week.

Your workshop will be one of ten offered at the conference. The workshops will meet five mornings for an hour and fifteen minutes each time. This will be the first year we have included a workshop on the Economic Changes in the South and the planning committee was most enthusiastic when they suggested it. This committee suggested that the workshop deal with the industrialization of the south, the labor movements and the influence of these factors on the pattern of segregation in the south. This may be of some help to you as you plan the content of your workshop. We will have a bookstore in the conference and would appreciate any suggestions you make for it, particularly on books relating to your workshop. These books will be sold to the delegates.

We shall cover your roundtrip coach fare to the conference and room and board. The registration fee is waived for all conference leadership. We will be pleased to have your wife attend the conference. She would pay the regular conference fee.

The theme of the conference, "True Freedom in a World of Tension", we feel is important at this particular time. Dr. Warren Ashby, Professor of Philosophy at Woman's College in Greensboro, will give the major platforms on the theme. You will find other details on the leadership in the newsletter. If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to write me.

We are looking forward to having you with us and your leadership will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Doris V. Wilson

Doris V. Wilson
National Student Secretary
Southern Region

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June 24, 1953

Mother Mary Rose Elizabeth
Sisters of the Holy Cross
Notre Dame, Ind.

Dear Mother Mary Rose Elizabeth:

His Excellency Bishop Waters wrote me the other day that he had spoken with you about the possibility of my coming up on some occasion to give to the sisters my now well-grooved talk on "The Map of the South." He had talked also with Sister Madeleva for the College.

I have a board meeting in Chicago that I might well attend, though it isn't necessary. It comes July 24 and 25. If it should be suitable for the Congregation for me to appear on Thursday, July 23, I could well do so. I am writing similarly to Sister Madeleva, in the hope that a second engagement could be made the same day for the College.

I do not press my services, but I try my best to fall in with suggestions that Bishop Waters may make.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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June 24, 1953

Sister Mary Cyril
House of Mary
1614 Webster Ave.
Pittsburgh, Pa.

Dear Sister Mary Cyril:

I had a letter today from His Excellency Bishop Waters, reviewing various communities which he would like me to appear before and to do my, by now, well-grooved talk on "The Map of the South." He said, I believe, that he was sending you a copy of the letter that he kindly wrote to me. I may well be going up to Chicago to a board meeting July 24 and 25 of the National Association of Intergroup Relations Officials. I have written on to the sisters at Notre Dame, suggesting that I could be with them July 23. It would be a simple matter for me to stop in Pittsburgh July 22, if, by any chance, that particular date would be suitable with the Sisters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul, of Greensburg.

I realize that setting a date from this end may be quite awkward with the schedule at Seton Hall, but I am constrained to offer the one up-coming date that seems feasible from this end.

I don't particularly press my services, but I am at pains to fall in with Bishop Waters' suggestions.

If you will let me know whether July 22 seems suitable, I can make my plans accordingly.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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June 24, 1953

The Most Rev. Vincent S. Waters
Bishop of Raleigh
15 North McDowell St.
Raleigh, N. C.

My dear Bishop Waters:

Warm thanks for your letter of June 22.

Mr. J. H. Wheeler told me at some meeting the other day that a three-page letter had been issued from the Diocese describing the recent pronouncement on segregation. If you could be so kind as to have a copy sent to me, I am pretty sure we would like to carry good stretches of it in an early issue of NEW SOUTH. What you have done is of the greatest moment.

There is a board meeting of something I often go to (National Association of Intergroup Relations Officials) in Chicago July 24 and 25. It would be easy for me to be at Notre Dame on Thursday, July 23, and I have written the enclosed letters to Mother Mary Rose Elizabeth and to Sister Madeleva.

On the same trip it would feasible to stop for the Sisters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul at Greensburg, Pennsylvania, on July 22, and I have so written Sister Mary Cyril.

The Franciscan Sisters at Allegany are pretty far off my beat, and when we last corresponded with the Sisters of Providence at Terre Haute, you will remember, they spoke of having only a small number of sisters in residence. So I will put off any engagement with them until some trip brings me into their vicinity. Though if you want me to work it out, I could do so, but hardly before the autumn.

I am to be at Belmont Abbey, with the CCS planning group, for some of the latter part of August, and look forward to being, thus, all but into your diocese!

Respectfully,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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BISHOP'S RESIDENCE
15 NORTH McDOWELL STREET
RALEIGH, NORTH CAROLINA

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Mr. George S. Mitchell
Executive Director
Southern Regional Council
63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear George:

I sincerely appreciate your letter of June 16 and I know you did a good job in Baltimore. There are several other communities which would appreciate your talk and one is the Congregation of the Sisters of the Holy Cross at Notre Dame, Indiana. Mother Mary Rose Elizabeth is the Superior and Sister Madeleva is the President of St. Mary's College, Notre Dame, Indiana. I have spoken to both Mother Mary Rose Elizabeth and Sister Madeleva and they both could, I believe, give you opportunities for your talk, one to the Sisters and another to the students.

Another group that would be interested are the Sisters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul, St. Joseph's Motherhouse, Seton Hall Greensburg, Pennsylvania, Mother M. Claudia, Superior. Sister Mary Cyril of the House of Mary, 1614 Webster Avenue, Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, will be happy to make an appointment for you. I am sending her a copy of this letter.

I am sending you a copy of our recent edition of the paper which more or less sums up my attitude on the Newton Grove situation.

I forget now whether you were able to talk to the Franciscan Sisters in Allegany, New York or the Sisters of Providence of St. Mary's of the Woods, Terra Haute, Indiana. If these have not been contacted whenever you are in that area I am sure it would be worthwhile. In regard to all of these, I shall be happy to help with your expenses if you will notify me because I know the value of your presentation.

With best wishes, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ

+Vincent S. Waters
Vincent S. Waters
Bishop of Raleigh

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cc: Sister Mary Cyril

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Dr. George Mitchell, Executive Director
Southern Regional Council
63 Auburn Ave., N.E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. Mitchell:

All plans are complete for the Kentucky Labor School and we are expecting an attendance in excess of 100. This will be the largest group we have had in our eight year history.

I think I failed to announce the financial arrangements. We are paying $90 per week to each instructor plus all expenses both travel and at the school.

I am looking forward to the sessions and you can count on the staff and others to assist you in your classes. I hope you can arrive Sunday afternoon, for the first get together will be at the evening meal. At 7:30 P.M. we will be welcomed by the President of the University and labor officials, distribute the schedules, etc.. and be ready for work the next morning.

Let me know how you plan to travel and we will be on hand to pick you up.

Best wishes to you.

Sincerely,

James E. Wolfe

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Strengthen Your Union Through Education

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Conducted as a national workshop in cooperation with the Commission on Educational Organizations and the Southeastern Regional Directors of the National Conference of Christians and Jews.

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Since an educational approach to all phases of community living is basic to the development of sound attitudes and practices of intergroup understanding and co-operation, this Seminar in Intergroup Relations is designed to meet the needs of public and parochial school and college teachers as well as such lay or professional community leaders as ministers, social workers, recreational personnel, and law enforcement officers.

Being offered in a southern university, this seminar will be oriented primarily in terms of the South's problems and needs. So thoroughly has the Southeastern Region of the United States been studied by educators and social scientists that a wealth of information is available for study and discussion. Materials and methods in intergroup relations already developed will be analyzed in terms of their applicability to southern conditions. Where necessary, the perfection of new techniques and new materials will be considered.

The Daily Program

A seminar's chief appeal is the flexibility of its program. Since each seminar is "tailored" to meet the needs of the participants, it is not possible to announce in advance the exact schedule of daily activities. In general, however, the daily pattern will be as follows:

1. A meeting of the entire seminar membership for the presentation and consideration of background material basic in the field of intergroup relations. This presentation may take the form of a lecture by a staff member or visiting consultant, a viewing and discussion of some audio-visual materials, or a report on a special topic by members of the seminar. This initial meeting usually lasts about two hours.

2. A twenty-minute "breather."

3. A one-hour session devoted either to a continuation of the opening presentation or to a group discussion of what has been said previously. This is often the time when a seminar participant is able to see how he can apply to his specific problem the general ideas of intergroup relations outlined in the opening meeting.

4. On at least two days each week lunch will be eaten together by all members of the seminar and staff. Participants should budget for this expense since it is not covered by the university registration fee.

5. Afternoon hours are reserved for a variety of activities. What is scheduled will depend on the needs and wishes of seminar participants. Typical activities at previous seminars have included:

   a. Individual or small group conferences with staff members

   b. Study or research in the university library on an individual's specific problem

   c. A visit to some local agency working in the field of intergroup relations

   d. The viewing of films, slides, or other audio-visual aids

   e. Group meetings by seminar participants who are working on a common problem

6. The evening hours and week-ends are left free for use at the discretion of seminar members. Located in Lexington, the center of the Bluegrass, the University of Kentucky is adjacent to many points of historical and scenic interest. The regular recreational activities of the Summer Session will be available to seminar participants in accordance with the established practices of the university.

Seminar Staff

Director: Gordon W. Lovejoy (Ph.D., University of North Carolina), N.C.C.J. consultant in intergroup relations for North Carolina and Tennessee.

Assistant Director: To be appointed.

Graduate Assistant: To be appointed.

Consultants: It is customary in a seminar to have several specialists meet with the seminar. These may include faculty members from the University of Kentucky or persons with particular competencies. Mr. John T. Kenna, the Kentucky Regional Director for N.C.C.J. will serve as a resident consultant.

Enrollment and Registration

All persons desiring to enroll in the Seminar in Intergroup Relations must complete the application blank which is a part of this pamphlet. Additional forms may be secured from Dr. Howard W. Beers, Head, Department of Sociology, University of Kentucky, Lexington, Kentucky, or from the regional offices of the National Conference of Christians and Jews listed below. It is expected that enrollees will be of three types:

1. Those not desiring academic credit for the seminar. Such persons must register, however, and pay the fees and tuition required by the university from auditors.

2. Those desiring to transfer credit to another educational institution. If not previously enrolled at the University of Kentucky, such persons must have completed an under-graduate degree and must submit a transcript of their previous credits to the Registrar and Dean of the Graduate School.

3. Those desiring graduate credit at the University of Kentucky. If not previously enrolled at the University of Kentucky, such students must satisfy the university's degree requirements. See the appropriate catalogue or Graduate Bulletin for details.

Registration for the seminar will take place on June 23, 1953 in Room 204, Social Science Building. The seminar carries six semester hours graduate credit in sociology. By special advance arrangement participants may register instead for three semester hours graduate gredit in education and three semester hours graduate credit in sociology. The first formal meeting of the seminar will be on June 24, 1953 and the final meeting will be on August 1, 1953.

Enrollment *will be limited to 40 participants.* Preference will be given to those enrolling for credit. Persons enrolling in the seminar *will not be permitted* to take any other courses during the same period of time.

Fees and Accommodations

The full-time fees and tuition cost for the seminar will be $30.00 for residents of Kentucky and $60.00 for out-of-state students. Questions of late registration and refunds will be settled in accordance with university policy.

Housing is available on or near the university campus. Application for a room in the Women's Residence Halls should be made to the Dean of Women and for a room in the Men's Residence Halls to the Dean of Men. The approximate cost of room and board is $100.00 for the six weeks. Admission to the residence halls and assignment of rooms will be in accordance with prevailing university practices.

Fellowships

A number of fellowships to help defray the cost of attending the seminar are available. Application for a fellowship should be made to the Regional Director of your state office of the National Conference of Christians and Jews. Each successful applicant will receive a check from the Regional Director and, thereafter, will make his own payments for fees, room and board directly to the University of Kentucky. The addresses of the Regional Offices in the Southeastern Division of the National Conference of Christians and Jews granting fellowships for this seminar are as follows:

Atlanta 3, Georgia—1514 First National Bank Building

Birmingham 3, Alabama—1109 First National Bank Building

Charlotte 2, North Carolina—121 East Third Street

Louisville 2, Kentucky—201 Realty Building

Memphis 3, Tennessee—418-19 Commerce Title Building

Miami 32, Florida—3231324 Calumet Building

New Orleans 12, Louisiana—513 Pan-American Building

Richmond 19, Virginia—222 East Broad Street

APPLICATION BLANK (attach additional sheets if necessary)

Name.....Mr., Mrs., Miss
Last First Middle

Address.....
Number Street City State

Educational training:

Institution.....Major field .....Date .....Degree .....No. of credit hours .....

Undergraduate .....

Graduate .....

Present position and nature of work.....

.....

In which specific areas of intergroup relations are you most interested?.....

.....

Are you applying for an NCCJ fellowship? ☐ Yes ☐ No

To which NCCJ office are you applying?.....

Do you desire graduate credit, ☐ no credit ☐ for this seminar?

Have you ever attended the University of Kentucky? ☐ Yes ☐ No.

Are you applying for a room in a residence hall? ☐ Yes ☐ No.

Signature .....

Date .....

Send this application to: **Dr. Howard W. Beers, Department of Sociology, University of Kentucky, Lexington, Kentucky.**

Department of Research and Education
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JAMES E. WOLFE
Director

NORBERT L. BLUME
Asst. Director

1953 INSTRUCTION SHEET

KENTUCKY LABOR SCHOOL

UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY
LEXINGTON, KY.

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1. TIME OF ARRIVAL - You should arrive during the afternoon of Sunday, July 12. Dinner will be served in the cafeteria at 6:00 P.M. and the first meeting of the session will be held at 7:30 P.M. At that meeting we shall have an opportunity to become acquainted with one another. Many important announcements will be made at that time regarding the program beginning the following morning. Your presence is therefore of the utmost importance.

2. GETTING LOCATED - On arrival in Lexington report to the Euclid Ave. Classroom Building (building #12 on your sketch map). When you register the secretary will tell you where your dormitory is located.

3. PERSONAL EQUIPMENT YOU WILL NEED -

1. Soap, washcloths
2. Bathing suit, tennis racquets, baseball gloves, golf clubs, bowling ball, etc.., if you care to indulge in sports.
3. Comfortable shoes and clothing for outings. Classes are very informal, so dress comfortably.

4. MATERIALS FOR STUDY -

You will add greatly to the value of the class discussions if you will bring with you the following: copies of your union contract, your union constitution and by-laws, company financial statements (if available) for examination and study, samples of your shop papers, union publicity materials and any other documents or papers that you want discussed and studied.

IN ORDER TO AVOID CONFUSION AND DELAY PLEASE REGISTER BEFORE 5:00 P.M. YOUR COOPERATION WILL BE APPRECIATED.

James E. Wolfe

James E. Wolfe
Director

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1953 KENTUCKY LABOR SCHOOL STUDENTS - -

Greetings:

We wish to congratulate you upon being selected to attend the EIGHTH annual Kentucky Labor School conducted by the Department of Research and Education of the Kentucky State Federation of Labor.

A lot has happened since the 1952 School. Eisenhower replaced Truman as President - The Republican Party has a majority in both Houses of Congress - wage and price controls have been dropped - the "Korean Situation" and Taft-Hartley are still with us. What does all of this mean to us as union members? Will legislation become more restrictive? What about future negotiations? How about employer-employee relationships? Can full employment be maintained? What is happening in the other countries of the world? These and many other questions will be analyzed and discussed at the 1953 Kentucky Labor School.

The need for trained officers and better informed union members is greater than ever before in the long history of organized labor. New duties, new responsibilities face us each day and we must be prepared to meet the challenge.

Past Labor Schools have had international recognition, and the 1953 session will not be an exception. A large number of foreign visitors will be with us. We know that you will want to do your part to make this year's session a great success. We all know the advantages of good public relations and this is our opportunity to promote friendship and understanding with the University of Kentucky. Dr. H. L. Donovan, President of the University, and Dr. C. C. Carpenter, Dean of the College of Commerce, have been most cooperative and we should reciprocate.

We look forward to seeing you Sunday, July 12th, on the campus of the University of Kentucky.

Fraternally,

James E. Wolfe

James E. Wolfe
Director

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March 20, 1953

Mr. James E. Wolfe, Director
Department of Research & Education
Kentucky State Federation of Labor
312 Armory Place
Louisville 2, Ky.

Dear Mr. Wolfe:

Many thanks for your letter of March 12. I think the 92% safe has now risen to 99.7%, because somebody gave us just the other day a goodish sum that makes us feel safe for eight or ten months to come.

Many thanks for becoming a new recruit to the Council. We need you and are glad to have you.

I look forward a lot to being with you on the 12th to the 18th of July.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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NORBERT L. BLUME
Asst. Director

March 12, 1953

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Southern Regional Council

Dr. George S. Mitchell, Executive Director
Southern Regional Council
Room 432, 63 Auburn Avenue N. E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. Mitchell:

I am very happy to hear that you will be able to be with us ("92% safe") July 12 to 18. I feel sure that the students will get a great deal out of your course.

I am very sorry to hear that the Southern Regional Council is not operating on a sound financial basis. Enclosed find a check for my dues and I shall do my best to get Mrs. Young and others locally to help out in the cause for I believe you are doing a wonderful job in the south. Please let me know what we can do to help out.

$3.00

Perhaps your presence here in Kentucky in July will afford you an opportunity to tell groups about the work of the Southern Regional Council. I am afraid little is known in this area. It might be possible for us to arrange for you to speak to the regular faculty and student body of the University of Kentucky one of the evenings while you are here.

Best wishes to you.

Sincerely,

James E. Wolfe

James E. Wolfe
Director

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March 10, 1953

Mr. James E. Wolfe, Director
Department of Research & Education
of the Kentucky State Federation of Labor
312 Armory Place
Louisville 2, Ky.

Dear Mr. Wolfe:

Yes, I well remember your inquiry about my teaching at the Kentucky Labor School this summer, and I have looked forward to it straight along. Suppose I sign up for the week of July 12-18?

My Council is on shaky legs financially, and there is the bare possibility that something catastrophic will have happened to it by then, but still, that shouldn't interfere with my being fully at your service, and every normal expectation is that I and the Council will still be hereabouts. But I do give you notice that my acceptance is subject to the remote possibility that I may be pulled out to Camchatka, or wherever. But I don't think that's likely, and you are about 92 per cent safe in expecting me to be there.

Council dues are three dollars a year. Here's a leaflet with a membership blank on the back. Do please join us. I send you the last few issues of NEW SOUTH.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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Asst. Director

March 6, 1953

RECEIVED MAR 9

Dr. George Mitchell, Executive Director
Southern Regional Council
63 Auburn Avenue N. E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. Mitchell:

At the American Federation of Labor Southern Labor School in Lakeland, Florida last October, I talked with you briefly about the possibility of teaching a week at our Eighth Annual Kentucky Labor School, July 12 to 24. At that time you stated that you thought you would be able to do so. I think that the series of classes of social and economic problems of the south would be most interesting to our group. I have talked with Mrs. Hortense Young and she is quite pleased.

The University of Kentucky is not a segregated institution, although negroes must live off the campus. At this writing it seems that we will have a large attendance and we are expecting students from abroad, especially from the far east, sent to us by the Department of Labor and the Mutual Security Agency.

Please let me know at your earliest convenience if you still plan to be with us and which of the two weeks you would prefer.

Best wishes and kind personal regards.

P. S. What is the annual membership fee of the Southern Regional Council?

Sincerely,

James E. Wolfe

James E. Wolfe
Director

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News Notes . . .

Workers' Education In Kentucky

BY THE DEPARTMENT OF RESEARCH AND EDUCATION

KENTUCKY STATE FEDERATION OF LABOR

312 ARMORY PLACE — LOUISVILLE 2, KY.

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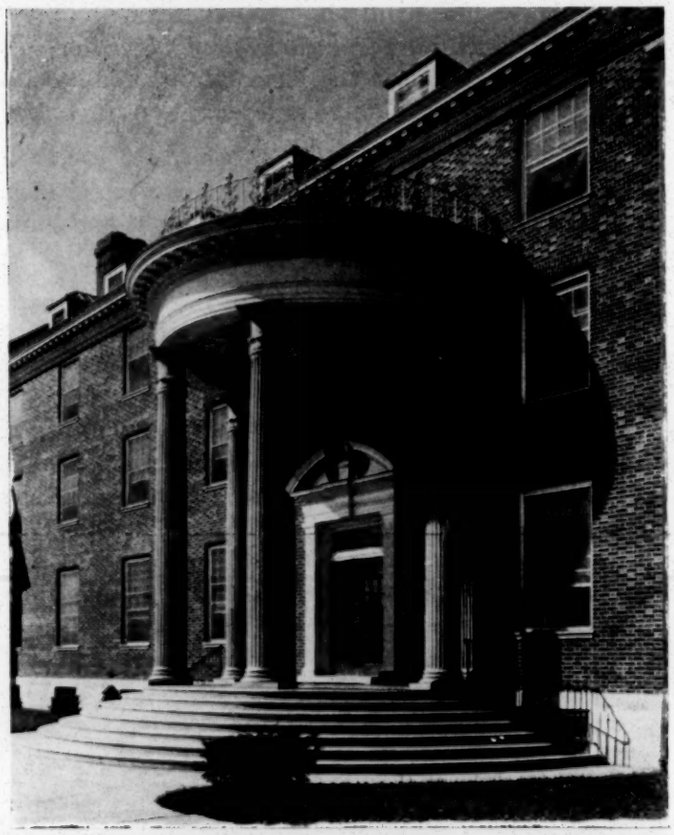
1953 KENTUCKY LABOR SCHOOL JULY 12-24

U. of K. HOSTS TO 1953 KENTUCKY LABOR SCHOOL



Bowman Hall, University of Kentucky, where the men who attend the 1953 Kentucky Labor School will reside.

The Eight Annual Kentucky Labor School will be held on the campus of the University of Kentucky, Lexington, July 12 to 24. Arrangements were made with Dr. H. L. Donovan, President of U. of K. and members of his staff. This will be the first time that the Kentucky Labor School has been held at the University of Kentucky.

The first meeting was held late last year in Dr. Donovan's office at which time the president cordially welcomed the school and stated that his staff would cooperate to the fullest extent. In addition to the president those present were: Dr. L. M. Chamberlain, vice president, Frank D. Peterson, comptroller of the University, and Dr. C. C. Carpenter, dean of the College of Commerce. Sam Ezelle, secretary-treasurer of the Kentucky State Federation of Labor and Jim Wolfe, director of the Department represented the State Federation. President Donovan asked Dr. Carpenter to take charge of the arrangements.

Jim Wolfe and assistant director Norbert Blume met with Dr. Carpenter at a later date and discussed plans at length. Dormitory, class room and eating facilities were arranged for, and the dates were set.

Previous Kentucky Labor Schools' have been held on the campuses of the University of Louisville (Louisville), Eastern State College (Richmond), and Morehead State College (Morehead).

The Department urges Unions to take early action to send representatives to the 1953 session, applications will be sent to all local unions at an early date.

BROTHERHOOD WEEK

February 15-22 is Brotherhood Week. This is the time we examine our minds and hearts and ask ourselves if we have been practicing brotherhood.

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July 6, 1953

Mother M. Claudia
Sisters of Charity
Seton Hill
Greensburg, Pa.

Dear Mother Claudia:

I find there is an excellent train out of Greensburg at 9:55 p.m. Eastern Standard Time (10:55 Daylight) that carries me overnight to the near vicinity of South Bend for an appearance at Notre Dame next day. We I will be taking that train.

In review, therefore, you are going to be kind enough to have me met at the airport at Pittsburgh at 5:04 p.m. July 22, to drive over to Greensburg, and I will take the Notre Dame train that night.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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July 2, 1953

Mother M. Claudia
Sisters of Charity
Seton Hill
Greensburg, Pa.

Dear Mother Claudia:

Most kind of you in our telephone conversation this afternoon. I will come up on Capital Airlines July 22, leaving Atlanta at 12:55 p.m. and arriving at Pittsburgh 5:04 p.m. (daylight saving time). I will be extremely grateful for your kindness in having someone take the long drive over to the airport to pick me up and bring me out to Greensburg for the talk that evening.

I think I am to be at Notre Dame the 23rd, and so may have to be using the night of the 22nd to get north and west, but cannot plan that as yet.

For the talk I will need to have a largish blackboard, well lighted. I will bring my own chalk.

Appreciatively,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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SISTERS OF CHARITY
SETON HILL, GREENSBURG, PENNSYLVANIA

July 1, 1953

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Southern Regional Council

Mr. George S. Mitchell
Room 432, 63 Auburn Avenue N.E.
Atlanta 3, Ga.

Dear Mr. Mitchell,

Sister Cyril has told me that you are to be in our vicinity in July--that on July 22 you could arrange to be at Seton Hill if that particular date is open for a lecture. The date is open and we shall welcome the lecture on "The Map of the South". So plan accordingly and let me know the hour or hours that you can spend at Seton Hill. The lecture can be scheduled for late morning, afternoon, or evening.

Asking God to bless your efforts

I am,

Yours sincerely,

Mother M. Claudia

Atlantic 1-0731

HOUSE OF MARY
SISTERS OF CHARITY
1614 WEBSTER AVENUE
PITTSBURGH 19, PENNSYLVANIA

June 26, 1953

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My dear Mr. Mitchell,

I have just received your letter and have forwarded it to Sister Theophane, Directress of the Summer Session at Seton Hill. I have asked Sister to write to you direct and I feel certain she will do so. I am not able to say whether or not she can accommodate herself to the date specified in your letter. In the event that you do not get contact there for the Summer Session I shall do what I can to see if a date can be had for the regular term beginning in late September.

I should like very much to hear the lecture for I know that it will be of general interest to all of us.

Very sincerely yours,

Sister M. Cyril

Sister M. Cyril Aaron

July 6, 1953

Sister M. Madeleva
St. Mary's College
Notre Dame, Ind.

Dear Sister Madeleva:

Many thanks for your kind letter of June 30.

All works out nicely. I will be with the Sisters of Charity at Greensburg, Pennsylvania, the night of July 22 and will take a Pennsylvania train that night from Greensburg, which puts me off at some unearthly morning hour at Plymouth on the 23rd. I will take a bus up to South Bend and make my way out to Notre Dame by 5:00 p. m. on the 23rd. If you can give me some supper that evening, that would be a good chance to get acquainted with the nature of your group before the talk at 7:15.

The speech needs a large and well-lighted blackboard. I will bring my own colored chalk. The talk takes about 35 or 37 minutes. If there are to be 500 people, we will need a loudspeaker--preferably the kind that wanders around with a wandering speaker!

I'm due in Chicago the next day and will, in any case, have taken a hotel room in South Bend for the night of the 23rd. If you should need a class talk in the daytime hours of the 23rd, let me know here, and I could show up. But I'm most happy to be with you for the evening hour.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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SAINT MARY'S COLLEGE
NOTRE DAME, INDIANA

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

Commemoration of St.Paul
June 30, 1953

Mr. George S. Mitchell
Executive Director
Southern Regional Council
Room 432, 63 Auburn Avenue, N.E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Mr. Mitchell:

His Excellency, Bishop Waters, was very kind in sending word to you of a possible visit to Saint Mary's College.

We shall always welcome you here. July twenty-third will be an excellent day for you to come. As you know, our summer school is made up almost entirely of sisters of our own and other communities. There are probably five hundred of us here. We shall all be eager to hear what you present so well about the problems of the South. Let us schedule your talk for seven-fifteen on Thursday, July twenty-third.

We shall be happy to have you here as our guest during that day and as long as you can stay. Unfortunately, our guest rooms are all occupied by summer session faculty members so we cannot provide overnight hospitality. I know that you will understand this situation and also our regrets.

Bishop Waters was just here for the briefest of visits. We both spoke of you. I told him that you would be here on July twenty-third. Thank you for making this possible for us.

Yours in the Holy Spirit,

Sister M. Madeleva

Sister M. Madeleva

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June 24, 1953

Sister Madeleva
St. Mary's College
Notre Dame, Ind.

Dear Sister Madeleva:

I had word the other day from His Excellency Bishop Waters that he had talked with you and with Mother Mary Rose Elizabeth about the practicability of my making for the students at the College my talk on Southern matters, which Bishop Waters very kindly praises. I have a board meeting of the National Association of Intergroup Relations Officials at Chicago July 24 and 25 that I could attend, though I don't have to. That trip would easily put me at Notre Dame July 23. If it should suit you and Mother Mary Rose Elizabeth to use me that day, the two of you might agree as to proper times, and I could undertake to be available. I realize that it may be quite difficult to fit in an occasion on some particular day, such as July 23, and if some other time would be much better, I will try to work it out, though I have a pretty full schedule for the remainder of the summer.

I do not press my services upon you, but I do try to fall in with Bishop Waters' suggestions.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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July 6, 1953

Mr. George Nordhaus
Student Christian Association
Vanderbilt University
Nashville 4, Tenn.

Dear Mr. Nordhaus:

Well and good! I will show up at Vanderbilt at the S.C.A. house at 11:45 on this coming Thursday, July 9. I will get over there independently, but if somebody could take me back to Fisk after the occasion is over, I would be grateful.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY
NASHVILLE 4, TENNESSEE
STUDENT CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION

OFFICE OF DIRECTOR

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July 2, 1953

Dear Dr. Mitchell,

You like to say what you think, and so do we. We want you to speak to our S.C.A. group at Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Tennessee. We noticed that you will be in town on Thursday, July 9, to speak in the Fisk series. Our meetings are all-campus groups, including the four undergarduate classes and graduate students from George Peabody College and Vanderbilt, and are held from 12 to 1 P.M. on Thursdays.

You convinced us of your speaking ability at Blue Ridge, N. C. . We were representing Vanderbilt at Blue Ridge. Mr. Heaton, our advisor, was in your workshop and we heard your talk on the public school question. If you would agree to speak, you could choose your topic. Personally, I would like to hear some more about the race problem.

If you would speak on Thursday, July 9, we would furnish transportation and a free meal. If you can speak would you call the S.C.A. house at 9-5651, Station 505 or call Mr. Dick Heaton at 9-4790. Thanks for your consideration.

Yours Sincerely,

George Nordhaus

George Nordhaus
Summer President

THE SOUTHERN HAZEN CONFERENCE

to be held at

Warren Wilson College

Swannanoa, North Carolina

August 19-25, 1953

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Melvin Watson
MOREHOUSE COLLEGE

W. Max Wise, *Chairman*
UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA

Address all communications to:
129 Administration Building
University of Florida
Gainesville, Florida

July 23, 1953

To 1953 Southern Hazen Conference Delegates:

By this time you no doubt feel your summer mail has been swelled to overflowing by letters from me about the Conference, but I shall risk this one as a final bit of correspondence with you.

Some of you will be interested to know that Southern Hazen Conferences are extremely informal. This applies to the way we dress as well as in relationships between people. Warren Wilson College is situated in the mountains of North Carolina and August weather may at times be quite cool. A light coat very often feels good, especially in the mornings and evenings. Most of us feel that these Conferences are sort of a vacation and we, therefore, dress in "vacation style."

I think I have already sent you information about ways in which you can get to Warren Wilson, but if you have any questions please feel free to write me a note or write to Arthur Bannerman, President of Warren Wilson College.

Enclosed with this letter is a postcard on which I am asking you to reconfirm your reservation for the Conference. Since we have some people on our "waiting list" I am anxious to know for sure that you can come.

Those of you who are bringing small children will be interested to know that I am writing Warren Wilson College today asking whether arrangements can be made for you to arrange cooperatively to employ someone at the College for the care of children if you wish. I presume it would be better to try to make the final arrangements for this at the beginning of the Conference.

This is about all I can think of that might be of interest to you except to remind you again that the Conference opens with dinner at 6:00 p. m., Wednesday, August 19, and closes with luncheon at 12:00 noon on Tuesday, August 25. We are making every effort so that it will be possible for all of the delegates to remain through the entire period.

I have enclosed a list of the people who have accepted membership to the Conference.

Cordially yours,

W. M. Wise

W. M. Wise, Chairman
1953 Southern Hazen Conference

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Enclosures (2)

SOUTHERN HAZEN CONFERENCE

Program Outline

Warren Wilson College, Swannanoa, North Carolina

*August 19-25, 1953

7:15 a.m.	Breakfast
8:30 - 9:30	Morning presentations and discussions under the chairmanship of Frank Wilson, Dean of the School of Religion, Howard University, Washington, D. C. with: George S. Mitchell, Executive Director Southern Regional Council, Inc. Atlanta, Georgia Clarence Jordan Koinonia Farm Americus, Georgia Allen Reddick School of Theology University of the South Sewanee, Tennessee as guest lecturers.
9:30 - 10:00	Recess
10:00- 11:45	Discussion growing out of morning lecture
12:00 noon	Lunch
Afternoon left free for leisure time activities.	
6:00 p.m.	Supper
7:00	Vespers - led by Clarence Jordan of Koinonia Farm
7:30 - 9:30	Presentations by Dr. Sam Stumpf of Vanderbilt University followed by group discussions.
Informal Hour-	Under chairmanship of W. A. Archie, Duke University.

* Please note that the Conference opens with dinner at 6:00 p.m., August 19.

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W. Max Wise, Chairman
University of Florida

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128 Administration Building
University of Florida
Gainesville, Florida

June 15, 1953

To: Members of the Southern Hazen Conference, 1953

Plans are now complete for the Hazen Conference at Warren Wilson College, Swannanoa, North Carolina, August 19 to 25. I am sure that you will be interested in seeing the program outline which is enclosed.

The Conference membership is now full, and we are expecting about sixty invited guests representing a good cross-section of the institutions of higher learning in the southeastern states. We look forward to a stimulating time in discussions together on the vital issue of freedom which confronts us as college teachers and administrators.

Warren Wilson College is located ten miles east of Asheville and three miles west of Swannanoa. It is not, however, on highway 70 (the main highway between Asheville, Swannanoa, and Black Mountain) but rather it is about two miles north of the highway. There is a marker on the highway indicating the road to the College. There is no bus service from the highway to the campus. For that reason conference members should buy their tickets, whether coming by bus or train, either to Swannanoa or Asheville.

There is a bus passing by the campus, which leaves Pack Square in Asheville (not the bus terminal) on the even hours throughout the day (8, 10, 12, etc.). There are also cabs in Swannanoa so that there should be no difficulty getting to the campus.

The post office address is Swannanoa, but the telephone and telegraph connections are in Asheville. The College telephone number is Asheville 3-1892, and conference guests encountering difficulty in reaching the campus, should feel free to call the college office.

President Bannerman, of Warren Wilson College, has written that he is reviewing the requests for family accommodations. He will be writing to tell those who have asked for such reservations whether or not the College can accommodate them.

The Conference opens with dinner at six o'clock on Wednesday, August 19, and I look forward to seeing you then.

Cordially yours,

W. M. Wise

W. M. Wise, Chairman
1953 Southern Hazen Conference

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128 Administration Building
University of Florida
Gainesville, Florida
July 23, 1953

To President Bannerman, Members of the Planning Committee and
Conference Leaders:

I have enclosed a letter which I am sending to persons who have accepted invitations to the Southern Hazen Conference. Please note that I have also attached the membership of the Conference as of July 22, 1953. You will notice that Paul Pfuetze does not appear on the list. I have just heard that he has suffered a broken leg as a result of an accident at his home and is hospitalized. He tells me that this will prevent his taking any part in the Conference whatever. I know that we all are extremely sorry and I am taking this opportunity to tell Paul that we are going to miss him very much at the Conference.

So far as I can tell from this distant shore, plans are going along fine. We have had one or two recent letters telling us that persons are having to withdraw from the Conference but as of July 22, we had sixty-seven persons who were members. We are expecting a few more resignations and you have sent me a few names to hold in reserve. If our list becomes much smaller I feel that I should immediately contact these people who may be interested even at this late date.

My schedule calls for me to be away from my office from August 2, through the Hazen Conference. However, if there are any problems which we need to handle during that period my office can contact me on very short notice.

I appreciate all of the help you have given and I am looking forward to seeing you on the evening of the 18th of August so that we can make final plans for the Conference.

Cordially yours,

W. M. Wise

W. M. Wise, Chairman
1953 Southern Hazen Conference

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W. Max Wise, *Chairman*
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Address all communications to:
129 Administration Building
University of Florida
Gainesville, Florida

June 16, 1953

Mr. George Mitchell
906 Lullwater Road, N. E.
Atlanta 6, Georgia

Dear Mr. Mitchell:

I am enclosing a list of the delegates to the Southern Hazen Conference and two pages of information which have been sent to each member.

In addition to the delegates listed on the enclosed pages, there will be members of the Planning Committee and those of you who are leaders present at the Conference. This will make a total membership of about sixty-nine.

I think I have told you previously that I hope each of you can be at Warren Wilson College for an evening meeting on August 18. This would make it possible to do last minute planning of our program and would also give us time to get settled before other delegates arrive. Please let me know whether this is going to be possible for you. Warren Wilson has agreed to serve an evening meal for the leaders and the Planning Committee on the eighteenth if we arrive by 6:00 p. m.

I said yes I'll be there for supper

I have had a number of enthusiastic letters about the Conference and the quality of leadership which we will have available. We are all looking forward very much to a profitable time together.

Please let me know whether you have any further questions about the Conference which I can help you with.

Cordially yours,

W. M. Wise, Chairman
1953 Southern Hazen Conference

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THE SOUTHERN HAZEN CONFERENCE

to be held at

Warren Wilson College

Swannanoa, North Carolina

August 19-25, 1953

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May 7, 1953

Mr. George S. Mitchell
Executive Director
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
Room 432
63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Mr. Mitchell:

Thank you for your letter of May 4 and for your acceptance of our invitation to speak at the Southern Hazen Conference on August 20.

I am sending a copy of your letter to Frank Wilson, Dean of the School of Religion at Howard University, Washington, D. C. He has charge of our morning sessions at the Conference. He may wish to contact you later concerning details of the program.

Thank you very much for your acceptance.

Cordially yours,

Max Wise

W. M. Wise, Chairman
1953 Southern Hazen Conference

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May 4, 1953

Mr. W. M. Wise
129 Administration Bldg.
University of Florida
Gainesville, Fla.

Dear Mr. Wise:

This confirms my hasty note several days ago accepting your kind invitation of April 10 to be present at the Southern Conference at Warren Wilson College Thursday, August 20, to talk from 8:30 until 9:30, with subsequent discussion.

Your letter had been addressed to me care of the Fellowship of Southern Churchmen at Black Mountain, and reached me only April 30.

My plan would be to reach Warren Wilson on the evening of August 19 and stay through the 20th.

I suppose the best thing for me to do is make my regular "Map Speech." Some of those present may have heard it, but it is my best means of teaching a lot in a short time.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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129 Administration Building
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April 10, 1953

Mr. George Mitchell
Fellowship of Southern Churchmen
Black Mountain, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Mitchell:

The Hazen Foundation is sponsoring a Southern Conference at Warren Wilson College, Swannanoa, North Carolina, August 19-25. As a topic for the Conference, we are considering the problems of restrictions on the freedom of college faculty members and college students. Members of the Planning Committee quickly agreed that this was an important topic about which each of us has concern.

In planning for the Conference we have secured the leadership of Dr. Sam Stumpf of the Philosophy Department of Vanderbilt University to make a series of presentations at our evening sessions. We anticipate that Dr. Stumpf will present an analysis of the problems of achieving freedom in modern America and that his analysis will emphasize a philosophical approach.

In planning for the morning discussions we have secured the leadership of Dr. Frank Wilson, Dean of the School of Religion, Howard University, Washington, D. C., as a discussion leader. In recent conversations with Dr. Wilson, we were of the opinion that we needed to secure two or three outstanding people to make one hour presentations for the morning sessions of the Conference. Your name came to both our minds as someone whom we would like to make one presentation for a morning discussion during the Conference.

It was our idea that we should like for you to discuss some topic like regional perspectives on the problem of freedom. I understand that you have made similar presentations and have heard outstanding comments about them.

The Hazen Foundation has authorized me to tell you that it would make a $50.00 honorarium available to you as well as travel expenses. We hope that you might be able to come for the morning of Thursday, August 20, to talk from 8:30 until 9:30. Following a brief "coffee break" we would reconvene for two hours of discussion under the leadership of Dean Wilson.

We hope that you could attend the full Conference which convenes at supper on August 19, and adjourns following lunch on August 25. The Hazen Foundation would be happy to have you as its guest during the Conference.

I am sending a copy of this letter to Dean Wilson with the thought that he may wish to send you additional comments. Please let me have your favorable response at the earliest possible time.

Cordially yours,

W. M. Wise, Chairman
1953 Southern Hazen Conference

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cc: Dr. Frank Wilson, Dean
School of Religion
Howard University
Washington, D. C.

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July 27, '53

Most Reverend Vincent S. Waters
Raleigh, N.C.

My dear Bishop Waters,

I am back from the Northwards trip, that included stops at Greensburg and at Notre Dame. Fine audiences in both places, and at each that specially gracious hospitality which I have learned is omnipresent in Houses of the Church. The Sisters of Charity were particularly generous with a check which more than paid the cost of the whole journey, and both they and the Sisters at St. Mary's College were attentive and sympathetic audiences par excellence.

Appreciatively,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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July 27, '53

Mother M. Claudia
Sisters of Charity
Seton Hill
Greensburg, Pennsylvania

Dear Mother,

My Council is most grateful to you and to all the Sisters of Charity for the noble checks handed me after the "map speech" the other evening. That was as kind as could be, and we are truly appreciative of the assistance to us they represent.

I had a most delightful evening at Seton Hill, and thank you most warmly for hospitality and kind attention.

Sincerely,

GeorgeS. Mitchell
Executive Director

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July 27, '53

Sister M. Madeleva
St. Mary's College
Noter Dame, Indiana

Dear Sister Madeleva,

I am most garetful for the kind attentions when I came the other evening to make the "map speech". That was a fine dinner with the three Fathers, and I enjoyed greatly the conversation with you and the others walking over and back. And your Sisters were a most friendly audience.

Successful trip on to Chicago, and back home by Saturday evening.

With the warmest wishes,

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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July 29, 1953

Mr. L. W. Douglas
Southern Arizona Bank & Trust Bldg.
Tucson, Ariz.

Dear Mr. Douglas:

I am extremely grateful for your most kind invitation of July 17 to be present at a luncheon on October 27, 1953, at the Waldorf-Astoria to help with the preparations for a Washington conference on Moral and Spiritual Resources for Brotherhood.

I regret that it will not be possible for me to be in New York on that day.

If a deputy would serve to represent the Southern Regional Council, I would name Miss Caroline Flexner, 70 East 96th Street, New York 28, who is a longtime member of the Council and knows our program pretty well.

Appreciatively,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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L.W. DOUGLAS
SOUTHERN ARIZONA BANK AND TRUST BUILDING
TUCSON, ARIZONA
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Mr. George S. Mitchell, Executive Secretary
Southern Regional Council
63 Auburn Avenue, N. E. - Room 432
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Mr. Mitchell:

May I cordially invite you to be my guest at luncheon, Tuesday, October 27, 1953, 12:30 p.m., Waldorf-Astoria Hotel, in order to assist me in laying the groundwork for a Washington Conference on Our Moral and Spiritual Resources for Brotherhood. The sponsoring and coordinating agency for this significant and timely planning session of interested citizens and leading organizations will be the National Conference of Christians and Jews.

I think you will agree that a most urgent need in our present world struggle is for a fresh, positive restatement of the basic values underlying the American way of life and their implication for the free world. It is proposed, therefore, that a Washington Conference be convened November 7-11, 1954 to bring together our ablest and most thoughtful minds for the following objectives:

(1) To promote the common good through an inventory of our moral and spiritual resources, (2) to relate these resources to the maintenance of national unity and the deepening of the sense of brotherhood at home and abroad, (3) to learn from governmental officials the areas of greatest need and primary concern, (4) to consider the ways these resources may be used, fortified and disseminated through churches and synagogues, schools and universities, community organizations, labor and management organizations, and mass communications, and (5) to summarize and present these findings and recommendations to the American people through the President of the United States.

The National Conference of Christians and Jews is making a year-long national study of our moral and religious resources for Brotherhood from October 1, 1953 to September 30, 1954. The theme is both significant and timely and upon indication of your interest, I shall ask our staff to provide resource material that may prove helpful.

I look forward to discussing with you or your representative this October a program that can do much to advance our mutual goals in the immediate years ahead.

Sincerely,

Lewis W. Douglas

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39 Twenty-Fifth St., N.W.
Atlanta

Aug. 3, 1953

Dr. George S. Mitchell
Executive Director
Southern Regional Council
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. Mitchell:

I'd like to thank you again for coming out and talking to the Singles and Doubles Fellowship of Peachtree Presbyterian Church last night.

I know the group enjoyed your talk, and I think you probably did some good. My only regret is that we did not have more people there.

Joe Drake's keep-em-down attitude shocked me, but I don't know that it should. I suppose it is a pretty common feeling, even among good church-going people. How they can escape the brotherhood implications in Christianity is hard to see.

With all good wishes to you and Mrs. Mitchell, I am,

Sincerely,

Robert B. Sears

August 7, 1953

Very Rev. Maurice V. Shean, C. O.
Catholic Committee of the South
Box 895
Rock Hill, S. C.

Dear Father Shean:

I've got my eye on Belmont for the latter part of this month. I notice you begin on Monday, the 17th. I have agreed to speak on Wednesday, the 19th, at Warren Wilson College, which is near Asheville, that morning.

So if it is all right with you, I will turn up at the Abbey for supper Wednesday, August 19, to stay as long as you wish me to.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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FINAL MEETING

Catholic Committee of the South Convention

FRIDAY NIGHT, APRIL 24, 1953 — 8:00 P. M.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS AUDITORIUM

HOST

MOST REVEREND PETER L. IRETON, D.D.
Bishop of Richmond

CHAIRMAN

MOST REVEREND GERALD P. O'HARA, D.D., J.U.D.
Episcopal Chairman, CCS

PROGRAM

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SELECTIONS.....Cecilian Choral Society
St. Francis de Sales Institute,
Rock Castle, Va.

IN NOMINE PATRIS ET FILIO.....Chant

VENI CREATOR SPIRITUS.....Gregorian

THE APOSTLES CREED.....Sister M. Elaine, C.D.P.

IN NOMINE PATRIS.....Chant

REPORTS FROM WORKSHOPS

STATEMENT OF SOUTHERN BISHOPS

To be read by Philip Ogilvie,
Executive Secretary, CCS, Rock Hill, S. C.

SELECTIONS.....Cecilian Choral Society

THERE IS A BALM IN GILEAD.....WM. L. DAWSON

DEEP RIVER.....Arranged by John Verral

HOLD ON!.....Arranged by Wayne Howarth

PRESENTATION OF AWARD OF THE
CATHOLIC COMMITTEE OF THE SOUTH

TRIBUTE.....Paul D. Williams, K.S.G.
Past Executive Secretary, CCS

PRESENTATION.....Episcopal Chairman, CCS

RECIPIENT.....George S. Mitchell, Ph.D.
Executive Secretary, Southern Regional Council

ADDRESS—"Progress in the South".....Dr. Mitchell

REMARKS.....Episcopal Chairman, CCS

SELECTIONS.....Cecilian Choral Society

PSALM 150.....Cesar Franck

HOLIDAY SONG.....William Schuman

LET ALL MY LIFE BE MUSIC.....Spross

CONCLUDING REMARKS....Most Reverend Peter L. Ireton, D.D.
Bishop of Richmond

Mass will be celebrated tomorrow at 10:00 A. M. at Jamestown Monument, Jamestown Island, by Rev. Thomas J. Walsh, Pastor of St. Bede's Church, Williamsburg, to mark the 427th Anniversary of the First Mass there, September 29, 1526. Music will be furnished by the students of Walsingham Academy. Ask at desk concerning transportation. Luncheon at Williamsburg Lodge afterwards.

The Catholic Committee of the South

P. O. BOX 895

ROCK HILL, SOUTH CAROLINA
August 5, 1953

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Southern Regional Council

Dr. George S. Mitchell
Executive Director
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
Room 432, 63 Auburn Avenue N. E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Doctor:

Enclosed you will find a couple of sheets on the coming Session at Belmont and also a post card. I would be grateful if you could indicate on the card when we might look for you.

Although the outline for the Agenda suggests that we will be there until Saturday, I think it will more than likely be Friday when we finish.

Because this thing has developed into such a much larger Study than we originally thought, I do not think we are going to have quite as many people at this Belmont thing, as we originally intended to do. But rather that this will be a small group, I should judge between thirty and thirty-five, who will lay the foundation for the greater work which has to be done in the future. And so in some cases, I am not asking in too many so-called experts for fear their talents would not be put to use at the moment. But it would be better, and I am following that procedure, to let them wait until a later date.

However, I am counting on your being there, and I know that you are going to help make this thing very much worthwhile.

Sincerely yours in Christ and St. Philip,

Maurice V. Shean

(Very Rev.) Maurice V. Shean, C. O.

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BELMONT MEETING

Conference Information

Time Schedule

Masses: 6:30 A. M. and later. (Consult Mass Board in Public Relations Office). Laymen may attend Mass in Students Chapel (3rd Floor) or Abbey Church.

Breakfast: 8:00 A. M. in Students Dining Hall.
Lunch: 12:30 P. M.
Dinner 6:30 P. M.

Evening Refreshments: 9:30 P. M. in Students Dining Hall

Meetings:

Morning: General Sessions & Commissions begin 9:15 A. M. Committee meetings as scheduled.

Afternoon: General Sessions & Commissions begin 3:30 P.M. Committees as scheduled.

Evening: General Sessions 7:30 P.M. or as announced or scheduled.

Mail: Mail leaves Abbey for Belmont P. O. 9:00 A.M. and 4:30 P. M. Arrives at Abbey at 9:00 A.M. and 4:00 P. M. Place all out-going mail in Public Relations Office.

Travel Information & Reservations: Time Tables and Flight Schedules available in Public Relations Office. Reservations can be made for you.

Swimming Pool: Nearest adjacent pool - Sottles Pool on Charlotte-Belmont Highway, about 5 miles from Belmont.

Recreation Facilities: Tennis courts and Gym available for use by participants.

Phone Service: Pay Phone on Stair Landing between 1st and 2nd floor.

Meeting Room: General Sessions in Students Lounge on 1st Floor of College Building. Other Meeting places to be announced.

Stationery & Mimeographing: Conference stationery supplies in Public Relations Office. Arrangements can be made there for mimeographing of Commission and Committee documents and minutes, etc. Please have all Working Material mimeographed.

Typewriters: Consult Public Relations Office and Typing Room.

Announcement Board: Public Relations Office.

BELMONT MEETING
BELMONT ABBEY, BELMONT, N. C.
AUGUST 17 to 22, 1953

Monday, August 17	
6:00 P. M.	Arrival of Participants Dinner
7:30 P. M.	General Session Agenda - Outline of Procedures Assignment of Committees Discussion
Tuesday, August 18	
9:15 A. M.	General Session Basis for Work - Facts & Principles
3:30 P. M.	Commissions Committee Meetings
7:30 P. M.	General Session Commissions I & II
Wednesday, August 19	
9:15 A. M.	Commissions & Committees
3:30 P. M.	Committee Meetings
7:30 P. M.	General Session Commissions III & IV
Thursday, August 20	
9:15 A. M.	Commissions & Committees
3:30 P. M.	General Session Commissions V & VI
7:30 P. M.	General Session Determination of further work Begin preparation for report
Friday, August 21	
9:15 A. M.	Commission meetings Reports
3:30 P. M.	General Session Preparation of Reports
7:30 P. M.	General Session Assignment of further work Discussion Agreement on plan for future work
Saturday, August 22	
9:15 A. M.	General Session Agreement on report
	Lunch
	Departure

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May 4, 1953

Very Rev. Maurice V. Shean, C. O.
Catholic Committee of the South
Box 895
Rock Hill, S. C.

Dear Father Shean:

We failed to get you here last Thursday. Do come to see us if you reach Atlanta any time soon.

I have been asked to be at a conference at Warren Wilson College at Swannanoa for the evening of August 19 and most of August 20 and have agreed to go. It is a short distance up from Belmont. I give you this notice of my having accepted that engagement in order that in making your plans for the Belmont conference, you will have opportunity to steer around any conflict. Otherwise, I expect to be available for good stretches of the Belmont gathering, as agreed.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

The Catholic Committee of the South

P. O. BOX 895

ROCK HILL, SOUTH CAROLINA
April 28, 1953

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Southern Regional Council

Dr. George S. Mitchell
Southern Regional Council
63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Doctor:

Just a short note to go with the check covering your expenses to and from Richmond, but I do want to tell you again how grateful we all are for everything that you have done with us and for us.

I do hope to be able to see you this week in Atlanta, and I shall call you upon arrival there.

With every best personal wish,

Sincerely yours in Christ and St. Philip,

Maurice V. Shean

(Very Rev.) Maurice V. Shean, C. O.

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November eleven, 1953

Mr Hodding Carter
DELTA DEMOCRAT
Greenville, Mississippi

Dear Mr Carter:

The last annual meeting of the membership of the Council, acting under revised by-laws, elected a new Board of fifty persons chosen at the meeting, plus the officers, plus two to come from each State organization. Of the acceptances so far received, the enclosed is a list.

The Nominating Committee had a difficult time in getting the names down to fifty and in the process, with reluctance, did not put back on the Board some of our firmest friends who have been on it off and on heretofore. The thought was that you would give us your friendship straight through and that we ought to bring on quite a number of new people.

So I have the unhappy duty of writing you that your term expired in 1953. But we are continuingly grateful for your care for the Council's progress.

Sincerely yours

George S Mitchell
Executive Director

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Same to:

Charlotte Brown, Palmer Institute - Sedalia, N C

A T Butler, 2411 Laurel St, Columbia, S C

Rev D S Haworth, Lumberton, S C

Armand May, American Associated Companies, Atlanta

Arthur W Mitchell, Box 670, Petersburg, Virginia

N C Newbold, 129 W Park Dr, Raleigh, N C

John G Pollard, Belle Isle Farm, Sommers, Virginia

Glen W Rainey, Georgia Tech. - Atlanta

Forrester Washington, A U School of Social Work - Atlanta

R D Wellons, Pembroke State College, Pembroke, N C

Mrs Warren Zeuch, Vero Beach, Florida

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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

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Southern Regional Council

30 November 1953

Dear Dr. Mitchell:

I have your letter of November 23 informing me that, after a drawing of lots for terms of office of the fifty Board members, mine came out at the two-year term and ends with the November meeting in 1955. I am pleased to continue to serve as a member of the Board.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Charles S. Johnson

Dr. George S. Mitchell, Executive Director
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

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July 22, '53

Dear Dr. Johnson,

Very many thanks for generous words and a most generous check for my small services to your good (best) Institute.

Let the Institute people disregard my letter of yesterday, which listed expenses.

Appreciatively,

George S. Mitchell

Hopeful developments on our discussion-group idea. Seems popular and workable. GSM

CC Institute of Race Relations

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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

July 21, 1953

Dr. George S. Mitchell
Executive Director
Southern Regional Council
63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear George Mitchell:

You present effectively and objectively the southern picture as no other person whom I know. That's why we always consider you a "must" at our Institutes and you never let us down. In many ways, those of us connected with the Institute felt this was our best; thanks to you for helping to make it so.

I am enclosing, with our thanks and appreciation, a check which covers transportation and a small honorarium.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Charles S. Johnson

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July 20, '53

Mr. Herman H. Long
Institute of Race Relations
Fisk University
Nashville, Tenn.

Dear Herman,

I've been travelling around ever since the Institute. Thank you, and the others, for my much enjoyment of it. Seemed to me the best yet!

My expenses:

	rail fare	25.98
	meals	72
	tip	35
	taxi	1.00
	bus	12
Total		28.17

Cordially,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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July 6, 1953

Public Relations Office
Race Relations Institute
Fisk University
Nashville, Tenn.

Dear Sirs:

I promised to send my July 9 speech up as soon as I could.

If you catch anything that obviously ought not to be said, let me know!

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

June 12, 1953

Mr. George S. Mitchell
Executive Director
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
63 Auburn Avenue, N.E., Room 432
Atlanta 3, Georgia

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Southern Regional Council

Dear George Mitchell:

Thank you for your letter.

Following your request, we have scheduled your presentation at the Institute for the evening of July 9. We are calling this presentation, "The South and the Last Decade." Since this is our tenth year, we are attempting to point up trends during the past ten years and their significance. We are also counting on you as a consultant in our afternoon clinics.

It is good to know that you will be able to participate in what I believe is going to be our most outstanding Institute.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Charles S. Johnson

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May 25, 1953

Dr. Charles S. Johnson
Fisk University
Nashville 8, Tenn.

Dear Dr. Johnson:

I can be free for any couple of days between July 6 and July 11. The 9th and the 10th of July would suit me best, because I have to go on up to Lexington, Kentucky, the next week, anyway.

If those dates match (or earlier in the week if that suits you better), it is all right with me; and I will look forward greatly to coming.

I will get to work on a new speech on the last ten years.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

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Southern Regional Council

May 19, 1953

Mr. George Mitchell
Southern Regional Council
63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear George Mitchell:

This year will be the tenth for our Institute of Race Relations and we are attempting to make it an occasion of some real importance.

We have considered an organization for this year which we believe would be particularly useful, and that is, to assemble a sort of Institute faculty, composed of the most outstanding persons in each field, and have them discuss what has happened in his particular field of interest within the last ten years -- a discussion of trends and their impact in this all-important area of human relations.

Your previous presentations at our Institutes have been such that our staff could think of no person who could interpret what has happened in the South over the past ten years better than yourself. We would want you to develop a major presentation along whatever line your good judgment dictates. We would, of course, want to rely rather heavily upon you for guidance in our clinics.

The Institute is scheduled this year for the period June 29 through July 11. We would want your presentation to fall within the second week (July 5-11). As usual, we would want you to spend as many days at the Institute as your schedule would permit; you are always so valuable.

Could you let me have some word on this at your earliest convenience?

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Charles S. Johnson

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